# 2000 Celebrating Wildflowers Events Directory

(arranged by date within each state)

#### **ALABAMA**

Cahana Lily Center, West Blocton, AL Cahana Lily Day

May 27

The eleventh annual Cahaba Lily Day will be celebrated on Satuday, May 27 at the Cahana Lily Center in West Blocton. This event is sponsored by the West Blocton Improvement Committee with cosponsors the Cahana River Society and the George Wood Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society. Sponsors: George Wood (Tuscaloosa) Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society, Cahana River Society, West Blocton Improvement Committee

#### **ALASKA**

Campbell Creek Science Center, Anchorage, AK Native Plant Appreciation Day/Gardening for Wildlife

April 30, 12 noon-4 p.m.

The Bureau of Land Management, Alaska and the Wildlife Federation of Alaska will be cohosting a Native Plant Appreciation Day at the Campbell Creek Science Center. There will be slide shows on subjects such as landscaping with native plants, creating backyard and schoolyard wildlife habitats, wildflowers, and herbal uses of native plants. For more information, or if you would like to volunteer a talk or booth, please contact Deborah Blank.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: Bureau of Land Management, Wildlife

Federation of Alaska Contact: Deborah Blank Phone: 907-267-1227

E-mail: Debbie\_Blank@ak.blm.gov

**ARIZONA** 

Porter House, Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, AZ

**Ethnobotanical Uses of Cacti Among Indigenous Peoples** 

March 8, 7:30 p.m.

Join Ana Lilia Reyna Guerrero as she shares her

expertise.

**Sponsor:** Arizona Native Plant Society, Tucson

Branch

E-mail: anps@azstarnet.com

**Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior, AZ Annual Spring Plant Sale** 

March 17-April 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Thousands of drought-tolerant plants will be for sale, ranging from shrubs, vines, trees, cacti, and

**succulents.** Call for more information. **Sponsor:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum **Contact:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum

**Phone:** 520-689-2811

Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior, AZ Welcome Back Buzzards

March 25, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join us as we welcome back our returning flock of resident turkey vultures, who migrate here from parts south. Call for more information.

**Sponsor:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum **Contact:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum

**Phone:** 520-689-2811

Tempe, AZ

**Southwest Conference on Botanical Medicine** *April 8-9* 

Botanical therapies - this program has been developed for health professionals and members of the general public interested in botanical medicine. CE credits available for nurses, pharmacists, and accupuncturists.

Contact: Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine

and Health Services **Phone:** 800-252-0688

Website: www.botanicalmedicine.org

Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior, AZ Herb Festival

April 8, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Call for more information.

**Sponsor:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum **Contact:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum

**Phone:** 520-689-2811

Boyce Thompson Arboretum, Superior, AZ Earth Arbor Day

April 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

This combination of April's Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrates the many gifts of Mother Earth and our wonderful desert trees. Call for more information.

**Sponsor:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum **Contact:** Boyce Thompson Arboretum

**Phone:** 520-689-2811

**Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tucson, AZ Writing in the Garden** 

May 3-24, 7 a.m.-9 a.m. Wednesdays

Join instructor Rita Magdeleno for Writing in the Garden.

**Sponsor:** Tucson Botanical Gardens **Contact:** Tucson Botanical Gardens

**Phone:** 520-326-9686

Tucson, AZ

Third Conference on Research and Resource Management in Southwest

May 16-18

This conference in Tucson, AZ will have the theme of "Creative Cooperation in Resource Management." The conference will feature papers and posters that tell of interagency collaboration in land use, research, resource management, and interpretation.

**Phone:** 520-670-6885; 602-640-5250 Ext. 236

E-mail: halvor@srnr.arizona.edu;

lee\_benson@nps.gov

The Arboretum at Flagstaff, Flagstaff, AZ Arboretum at Flagstaff Annual Summer Plant Sale and Garden Fair

June 17-18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Arboretum's Summer Garden Fair is one of the premier horticultural events of the Colorado Plateau. The plant sale will feature hundreds of hard-to-find plants native to the Colorado Plateau and species of the high elevation west, many of which are not normally commercially available. About 75% of the plant varieties available will be native, many from locally obtained seed sources. Also, surplus plants from the Arboretum gardens will be available. The variety of plants for sale will include: perennials, woody plants, vines, grasses, ornamentals, hardy vegetable starts, and herbs. Special tours of the gardens and lectures will be

held during the fair.

Fee: Free

Contact: Mary Delle Gunn Phone: 520-774-1442 Website: www.thearb.org

DuBois Conference Center, Flagstaff, AZ Third Southwestern Rare and Endangered Plant Conference

September 25-28, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

The conference will feature oral and poster presentations on topics concerning rare plants of the southwestern United States. Specific topics include surveys and monitoring, distribution, population biology, seed biology, demographic studies, reproductive and pollination biology, genetics and systematices.

**Fee:** Pre-registration by April 3 \$40 for sudents, \$100 for non-students; late registration \$45 for students,

\$120 for non-students.

Contact: Dr. Joyce Maschinski

**Phone:** 507-774-1442

E-mail: Joyce.Maschinski@nau.edu

Website: www.thearb.org

Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ Third Southwestern Rare and Endangered Plant Conference

September 25-28

Sponsored by the Arboretum at Flagstaff. Authors with topics concerning rare plants in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, and Utah are invited to submit abstracts by April 3, 2000.

Contact: Dr. Joyce Maschinski

**Phone:** 520-774-1442

E-mail: Joyce.Maschinski@nau.edu

Website: www.thearb.org

Sierra Vista, AZ

**National Public Lands Day** 

September 30

The city of Sierra Vista will be sponsoring a native plant revegetation/landscape project for National Public Lands Day. Many public work projects are scheduled in the area to recognize the public's ownership of national lands and to celebrate the value of our native plant habitats.

**Phone:** 520-458-3315 Ext. 377 **E-mail:** cdaily@Ag.Arizona.Edu

Tucson, AZ

Weaving the Future with Threads from the Past

November 7-11

The National Association for Interpretation 2000

Conference.

Contact: Chris Miller or Kate Srom Phone: 775-885-6148; 702-363-1921 E-mail: christina\_miller@nv.blm.gov;

KATEWS@aol.com.

#### **ARKANSAS**

Caddo Ranger District, Glenwood, AR Wild Flower Art display

May 1-31, 8 a.m.-12 Noon & 12:30 p.m-4:30 p.m. Local artists will display their works of native flowers from the surrounding area in the Ranger District Office during working hours.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Betty Crump **Phone:** 870-356-4186

#### **CALIFORNIA**

Jepson Herbarium, Berkeley, CA

Every year the Jepson Herbarium offers a series of workshops on botanical and ecological subjects with a focus on native plants in california. The courses are held at various loctions through out the state and are open to the public.

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Stanford Campus, Stanford, CA

**Habitat Stewardship on Stanford University Lands** 

Saturdays, 9 a.m.-12 Noon

Help steward native plant populations on Stanford's open space lands where native oaks have not been regenerating due to human changes to the landscape. Depending on the season, we may be planting or protecting oaks, removing invsive plants, planting native grasses, or surveying the survival, growth and health of oaks. In any season, you will have an opportunity to learn about the local ecology and discuss with others how we may apply our understanding of ecology to further common good.

Fee: Free

Contact: Joan Schwan Phone: 650-323-7333

**E-mail:** magic@ecomagic.org **Website:** www.ecomagic.org

**Desert Studies Center, Mojave Desert, CA** 

Microbiotic Soil Crusts and Lichens of the Eastern

Mohave Desert *March 10-12* 

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

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**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and

Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA

**Contemporary Authors Series: Environmental** 

Poetry of Robert Haas *March 15, 7:30 p.m.* 

Award-winning poet Robert Haas will read from his forthcoming book of poems, An Unnamed Flowing (counterpoint Press, Spring 2000). Poet Laureate of the United States in 1995-97, a recipient of the MacArthur "genius" fellowship, and a two-time winner of the National Book Critics Circle award, Haas is a Professor of English At UC Berkeley. He has published several books of poetry, including Field Guide, Praise, Human Wishes, and Sun Under Wood. His deep commitment to environmental issues led Haas to co-found the River of Words children's environmental poetry and art contest. He was recently named Educator of the Year by the North American Association of Environmental Education.

Fee: \$10

**Phone:** 626-405-2126

University of California, Berkeley, CA Basics of Botanical Illustration

March 18-19 and/or March 25-26

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont,

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Wildflower Walks

March 18-May 21, 2 p.m.

Garden docents will lead Wildflower Walks Saturday and Sunday to view and interpret the Gardne's wildflower beds.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Ann Joslin

**Phone:** 909-625-8767 Ext. 251 **Website:** www.rsabg.org

El Dorado, CA

El Dorado Chapter Plant Sale

April 1

Sponsor: California Native Plant Society, El Dorado

Chapter

Website: www.theartdoc.com/CNPS

Jepson Herbarium, Berkeley, CA The Jepson Manual: How to Use Keys

April 1-2

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont,

CA

Wildflower Show

April 1-2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Hundreds of species will be assemled from the Garden and regional fields for public display and enjoyment. Specimens will be identified and labeled as to genus, species, and general habitat.

Fee: Free

Contact: Ann Joslin Phone: 909-625-8767 Website: www.rsabg.org

Ranch El Chorro, San Luis Obispo County, CA Vegetation and Flora of San Luis Obispo County:

**A Spring Sampler** 

April 7-9

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Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Field regions in the greater Bay Area, CA

Fifty Plant Families in the Field

April 8-9 & 15-16

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

**Bodega Marine Laboratory, CA** 

Wildflower Photography - An Introducytion to

**Field Techniques** 

April 14-16

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Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont,

CA

**Native Plant Sale** 

April 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The sale will feature 1500 California native annuals, perennials, and sub-shrubs ideal for spring planting. Knowledgeable staff and volunteers will be on hand to answer your planting questions.

There will be wildflower seeds, spring bulbs, books,

gifts, and refreshments for sale.

Fee: Free

Contact: Ann Joslin Phone: 909-625-8767 Website: www.rsabg.org

Santa Rosa Island, CA Flora of Santa Rosa Island

April 20-23

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

West America Bank, Sonora, CA Sierra Foothills Chapter Plant Sale

April 22

Native plants, books, and knowledgable help from

members.

**Contact:** Judie Fitzmorris **Phone:** 209-984-5128

**Sweeney Granite Mountains Research Center, CA** 

The Jepson Desert Manual - A Preview

April 28-30

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

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Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara,

CA

**Spring Plants** 

April 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Best native plant selection on California's central

coast. Fee: Varies

Contact: Deborah

**Phone:** 805-682-4726 Ext. 102

Website: www.sbbg.org

University of California, Berkeley, CA

Poaceae April 29-30

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**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

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Foothill College, Lost Altos Hills, CA Wildflower Show and Native Plant Sale

April 29-30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Wildflower Show with hundreds of identified specimens on display. Also a Native Plant Sale will feature seeds, bulbs, posters, photos, books, and botanical prints.

Fee: Free; Parking \$2

Sponsors: California Native Plant Society, Santa Clara Valley Chapter, Foothill College Ornamental Horticul-

ture Department

**Contact:** Carolyn Curtis **Phone:** 650-856-2636

Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA Medical Ouest - In Search of Nature's Healing

**Secrets - Botanica** 

April 30, 2:30 p.m.

World-renouned ethnobotanist Mark Plotkin will discuss how scientists are increasingly turning to the healing powers of nature to fight devastating diseases such as AIDS, cancer, and diabetes.

**Phone:** 626-405-2100

Santa Cruz County, CA

**Trifolium** May 5-7

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

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Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara,

CA

David Roger's Big Bugs May 6-July 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Huge bugs made out of wood.

Fee: \$5 adults: \$1 children

Contact: Deborah **Phone:** 805-682-4726 Website: www.sbbg.org

University of California UC Hastings Reserve,

Carmel Valley, CA

**Pollination Ecology of Spring Wildflowers** 

May 12-14

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University of California, Berkeley, CA **Challenges in Rare Plant Conservation** 

May 19-21

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

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Lake Springs, CA

Rim of the Lake Springs Field Trip

May 20, 10 a.m.

Near Lake Britton and Soldier Mountain. See the rare orchid Cyripedium montanum, maybe the rare

meadowfoam Limnanthes floccosa ssp.

bellingeriana, and other spring wildflowers. Steep but short hike. Optional visit to Burney Falls. Meet at the junction of HIghways 89 and 299 east of Burney at 10 a.m.

**Sponsor:** California Native Plant Society Modoc

Plateau Subchapter Contact: Kim Earll Phone: 530-252-6664

University of California, Berkeley, CA

Compositae (Asteraceae, Daisy Family); Especially

Tarweeds *May 20-21* 

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Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

E-mail: smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu Website: www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Huntington Botanical Gardens, San Marino, CA 26th Annual Plant Sale

May 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thousands of rare and exotic plants.

Fee: Free

**Phone:** 626-405-2100

Central Sierra Nevada, CA

Mimulus *June 2-4* 

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Eagle Lake Biological Field Station, CA Astragalus II - Revenge of the Locoweeds

June 9-11

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**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Jepson Herbarium, Berkeley, CA

Scientific Symposium and Anniversary Weekend

June 16-18

Jepson Herbrium's 50th Anniversary is celebrated with an Afternoon Open House, June 16. The Scientific Symposium: the California flora in the 21st Century. 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gala dinner, Radisson

Hotel, Berkeley Marina, 6 - 10 p.m.

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Madeline Plains & Observation Peak, CA Dunes to the Volcano Field Trip

June 17, 9 a.m.

Madeline Plains dunes to Observation Peak. See an interesting disjunct dune pine stand, last year's Buckhorn Burn and possible fire-following flowers, and a higher elevation volcano area. High clearance vehicles needed. Meet at the BLM office on River-

side Drive in Susanville at 9:00 a.m. or at

Ravendale at 10:00 a.m.

Sponsor: California Native Plant Society Modoc

Plateau Subchapter

**Contact:** Gary Schoolcraft **Phone:** 530-257-0456

Siskiyou County, CA

Two Looks at the Flora of the Klamath Region:

Russian Peak and M

July 13-16

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Onion Springs, Lassen Volcanic National Park, CA Field Trip

July 15

An interesting spring system south of Manzanita Lake. See *Allium validum* and assorted other higher elevation riparian flowers. Optional several mile hike up to Loomis Peak in Lassen Volcanic National Park to see alpine flora. Meet at the Highway 44/89 junction on Highway 44 ourside of the Manzanita Lake North Lassen Volcanic National Park entrance.

Sponsor: California Native Plant Society Modoc

Plateau Subchapter Contact: Beth Corbin Phone: 530-252-6662

Sierra Nevada Field Campus, Yuba Pass, CA

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July 21-23

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Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Bishop and White Mountain Research Station,

Crooked Creek, CA White Mountain Flora

July 27-30

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

E-mail: smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu Website: www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Steens Mountains, OR

Campout Trip July 28-30

Campout trip to the interesting alpine mountain area of this extension of the Modoc Plateau! Meet at 9:00 Friday at the BLM office on Highway 299 in Alturas. Please call to confirm.

**Sponsor:** California Native Plant Society Modoc

Plateau Subchapter Contact: Mike Dolan Phone: 530-233-4666

Sierra Nevada, CA

Sierran Wildflowers: Sketching with Watercolors

August 3-6

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

**Contact:** Staci Markos **Phone:** 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Santa Barbara, CA Restoration Ecology

August 11-13

**Sponsor:** Friends of the Jepson Herbarium

Contact: Staci Markos Phone: 510-643-7008

**E-mail:** smarkos@socrates.berkeley.edu **Website:** www.ucjeps.herb.berkeley.edu

Merritt College Horticulture Area, Oakland, CA Native Plant Sale

October 7-8, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Thousands of plants are available representing almost all of California's plant communities. Shrubs, perennials, native seeds and bulbs, and books are offered. The sale is the main funding source for CNPS conservation and education projects in the East Bay

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Shirley McPheeters

**Phone:** 925-376-4095 **Website:** www.ebcnps.org

Santa Barbara Botanic Garden, Santa Barbara,

CA

**Fall Plant Sale** 

central coast.

October 20 & 21; Evening Oct. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 21

Best selection of native plants on California's

Contact: Deborah Phone: 805-682-4726 Website: www.sbbg.org

University of California, Berkeley, CA

**Edible and Medicinal Mushrooms - Cultures and** 

**Techniques** 

November 13-14

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#### **COLORADO**

University Park Holiday Inn, Fort Collins, CO Fourteenth High Altitude Revegetation Workshop March 8-10

The High Altitude Revegetation Committee, through its biannual conferences and annual field trips, strives to promote understanding of reclamation and revegetation techniques and problems when fragile high-elevation ecosystems are modified by human activities.

Contact: High Altitude Revegetation Workshop

**Phone:** 970-491-7501

Forest Service Office, Delta, CO

**Keying in the Asteraceae** 

April 8

Dr. David Buckner will present the same workshop that was given on the eastern slope in Boulder in November. By demonstrating relationships within the daisy family and providing keys and specimens for study, Dr. Buckner will help participants learn to recognize the tribes and subtribes within the Asteraceae. Will be held at the Forest Service office in Delta. A donation of \$12 for CoNPS members and \$24 for non-members (includes memberbership in CoNPS) is requested to help cover the cost of travel for Dr.Buckner. Registration required.

Fee: \$12 member donation; \$24 non-member donation

Sponsor: Colorado Native Plant Society, USDA

Forest Service

Contact: Gay Austin Phone: 970-641-6264

E-mail: gaustin7@juno.com

# City Market, Cortez, CO Burro Point/McElmo Canyon Field Trip *April 29-30, 11 a.m.*

Weather permitting, Andrea Robinsong will once again lead this field trip that will explore the desert environs for wildflowers around Cortez, including McElmo Canyon. Meet at the City Market in downtown Cortez Saturday Morning at 11 AM. Camping Saturday night will be in a primitive area - no facilities at all.

Sponsor: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Andrea Phone: 970-872-3952

Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver, CO Celebrating Wildflowers in Colorado *May 22-26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.* 

Celebrating Wildflowers raises the awareness of native plant and conservation issues through educational and information displays, brochures, the production of a native plant coloring book, and an annual childrens coloring contest. Local wildflower hikes and tours of the native plant gardens occur throughout the week-long event.

Fees: Free to school groups; Garden entry fees apply

to all others

Sponsors: Denver Botanic Gardens, US Bureau of

Land Management, US Forest Service

**Contact:** Thomas Grant, Denver Botanic Gardens

**Phone:** 303-370-8065

**E-mail:** grantt@botanicgardens.org

Mt. Goliath, Idaho Springs, CO Interpretive Ranger Walks

June 1-September 4; Lower Mt. Goliath - Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. - 11 a.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and Tues. & Thurs. - 11 a.m. 3 p.m.; Mt. Evans Summit - 1 n.m.

Join a Forest Service interpretive Ranger for alpine wildflower walks on Mt. Goliath and at Summit Lake, and Mt. Evans Summit. Elevations range from 11,000' to 14,264'. Tiny Arctic plants exist that are found in few locations outside the Arctic Circle. Fee to Mt. Evans found at entrance station. Call Ranger Station. Tour free.

Fee: Fee for Mt. Evans at entrance station.

Contact: Deb Ekstrand Phone: 303-567-3024

Gunnison National Forest, CO Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Forest Field Trip

June 3-4, 10 a.m.

Meet at the North Rim Ranger Station at 10 AM Saturday morning. We will explore canyon and mesa flora keeping an eye out for Thelypodiopsis juniperorum, a plant species that should be there but wasn't known about then the county survey was done.

**Sponsor:** Colorado Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Jeanne Wenger **Phone:** 970-256-9227

#### **Plant Identification Workshops**

June 7 & 10; June 8 & 10

Two separate sessions, each limited to 12 participants. A \$12 fee covers the cost of Wingate's Rocky Mountain Flower Finder and a \$7 donation to the Plateau Chapter for speaker costs. Registration required.

**Fee:** \$12 & \$7 donation

Sponsor: Colorado Native Plant Society, USDA

Forest Service

Contact: Evelyn Horn Phone: 970-835-8391

Visitor Center, Ridgway State Park, CO Weed pull at Ridgway State Park

June 10, 9 a.m.

Come help us clean up weeds, particularly annuals, in the area of the visitor center nature trail. Meet at the visitor center at 9 AM and BRING YOUR GLOVES.

**Sponsor:** Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Lori Brummer Phone: 970-641-3561

Lookout Mountain Nature Center, Golden, CO Wildflower Festival

June 17-18, 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate our colorful native wildflowers and their pollinators and learn how native plants weave a wild tapestry! Join us for the FREE Wildflower Festival, two full days of fun and activities for the whole family! You can: Enjoy a stroll in the ponderosa forest and meet our colorful native wildflowers; Discover Colorado's busy buzzing native pollinators and the magic they do; Learn to discriminate between a wonderful wildflower and worrisome weed; Tour our Colorado native plant gardens; Visit our native plant sale and start your own native gardens at home; And more! Kids, bring your whole family to Lookout Mountain **Nature Center, part of the Jefferson County Open** Space program and enjoy the Wildflower Festival! Advance registration is not required, call for more information.

**Fee:** Free. Many items, such as native plants, will be available for a donation to the Lookout Mountain Nature Center.

Sponsor: Lookout Mountain Nature Center, part of

the Jefferson County Open Space Program

Contact: Christine Leahy Phone: 303-526-0594

E-mail: cleahy@co.jefferson.co.us

**Website:** www.co.jefferson.co.us/dpt/openspac/

natstart.htm

**Crested Butte, CO** 

**Crested Butte Wildflower Festival 2000** 

July 10-16, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.

A botanical celebration in the wildflower capital of Colorado! Featuring: wildflower hikes, walks, talks, tours, art, medicinal, landscaping, wetlands, conservation, ecology, preservations, etc.

Fee: Some events free; most \$5-\$50.

**Contact:** Michele Simpson **Phone:** 970-349-2571

E-mail: wildflowerfest@crestedbutte.net

Website: www.visitcrestedbutte.com/wildflower

San Miguel Nature Conservancy Preserves, CO San Miguel Nature Conservancy Preserves Field

Trip

July 22, 10 a.m.

Sponsor: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Lori Brummer

**Phone:** 970-641-3561

E-mail: lbrummer@gunnison.com

**Ouray, CO** 

**Sphagnum Moss Species Identification Workshop** 

August 12-13

Dr. Andrus, Botanist at Binghamton University (NY), will lead a 2 day technical workshop in Ouray on identification of local species of sphagnum moss. On Saturday we will be inside looking under microscopes and Sunday we will drive to the Chattanooga fen. A donation of \$25 will be requested to help cover the cost of Dr. Andrus' travel. Space in limited. Registration required.

Fee: \$25 donation

Sponsor: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Gay Austin Phone: 970-641-6264 E-mail: gaustin7@juno.com

Mesa Lakes Lodge, Grand Mesa Fen, CO Grand Mesa Fen Inventory: Kannah Creek Headwaters

August 19, 9 a.m.

Meet at Mesa Lakes Lodge at 9 AM. Sponsor: Colorado Native Plant Society

Contact: Bob Clarke Phone: 970-242-6067

E-mail: rclarke@mesastate.edu

**Grand Junction, CO** 

Plant Evolution and Natural History of the Colorado Plateau

September 23-24

Colorado Native Plant Society Annual Meeting in Grand Junction! Agenda and registration upcom-

ing.

**Sponsor:** Colorado Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Jeanne Wenger **Phone:** 970-256-9227

Keystone, CO

Restoring the Rockies: Restoration and Conserva-

tion Strategies in the West

November 2-3

Society for Ecological Restoration, Central Rockies

**Chapter Annual Meeting.** 

Contact: Lisa Tasker E-mail: tasker1@rmi.net

University Holiday Inn, Ft. Collins, CO The Importance of Native and Invasive Species in Land Management

November 30-December 1

Annual Meeting of the Colorado Chapter of the Society of Range Management - Partnership with USDA Forest Service, BLM, Colorado State University, Colorado Seed Growers Association, Chaffee County Weed Coordinator, and Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc. for meeting. Presenters will talk about the invasiveness of species, potential invaders, policy issues on invasive species, issues of native plant genetic purity/diversity and the importance of using native species.

Fee: To be announced.

**Sponsors:** Colorado Chapter of the Society of Range Management, USDA Forest Service, BLM, Colorado State University, Colorado Seed Growers Association, Chaffee County Weed Coordinator, and Pawnee Buttes Seed Inc.

Contact: Don Hijar

**Phone:** 800-782-5947 or 970-356-7002

E-mail: pawneeseed@ctos.com

#### **CONNECTICUT**

**Ansonai Nature and Recreation Center, Ansonia,** 

Landscaping for Wildlife

March 31, 7 p.m.

Peter Piccone, a Connecticut DEP wildlife biologist, will demonstrate how to maximize your backyard and include food for wildlife, plants that beautify and nourish birds. Registration is requested.

**Phone:** 203-736-9360

#### **DELAWARE**

No events listed at this time.

# **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (WASHING-TON)**

US National Arboretum, Washington, DC Lahr Symposium on Native Plants: Focus on the Future

March 25

Topics include Ecology and the Land Ethic, Witness to Change in Wildlands; Landscaping with

Native Plant Communities (preserving rare native species and the communities from which they come), roles of arboreta, restoration projects, and school grounds in the future of native flora, etc.

Fee: \$48-60 including lunch and plant sale

**Phone:** 202-245-4521

Website: www.ars-grin.gov/ars/Beltsville/na/

#### **FLORIDA**

Conradina Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society, Melbourne, FL

Plant and book sale

Call for information on time, date, etc.

**Phone:** 321-951-2210

Winter Park, FL

Wildflower Conference: Blossoms and Butterflies

March 14-16

Flo Oxley of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, Texas will be one of the featured

speakers.

**Sponsor:** Florida Federation of Garden Clubs

**Contact:** Elizabeth Pate **Phone:** 904-241-1563

E-mail: Epate7849@aol.com

Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

Wetlands vs. Upland Garden

March 18, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Learn how to grow Florida native plant species in

your garden.

Fee: \$36 members; \$46 non-members

**Sponsor:** Bok Tower Gardens **Contact:** Bok Tower Gardens

**Phone:** 863-676-1408

Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

**Beyond Pink Flamingos: Attracting Wildlife to** 

**Your Yard and Living Spaces** 

March 22, 9 a.m.-12 noon

Fee: \$9 members; \$15 non-members

**Sponsor:** Bok Tower Gardens **Contact:** Bok Tower Gardens

**Phone:** 863-676-1408

Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL

**Return of the Natives** 

March 22, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Car caravan to The Natives, nursery owned by

nancy Bissett. After lecture, plants for sale.

Fee: \$8 members; \$14 non-members **Sponsor:** Bok Tower Gardens **Contact:** Bok Tower Gardens

**Phone:** 863-676-1408

Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL **Garden Pests and the Bugs That Eat Them** 

March 23, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.

Fee: \$8 members; \$14 non-members **Sponsor:** Bok Tower Gardens **Contact:** Bok Tower Gardens

**Phone:** 863-676-1408

Bok Tower Gardens, Lake Wales, FL **Enticing Butterflies** 

March 23, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Fee: \$12 members; \$18 non-members

**Sponsor:** Bok Tower Gardens **Contact:** Bok Tower Gardens

**Phone:** 863-676-1408

Chinsegut Nature Center, Brooksville, FL **Welcome Back Songbirds Festival** 

April 29, 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

The event begins at 7:30 a.m. with bird banding and continues on all day with varioust birding activities. There will be exhibits and refreshments for sale. The Hernando Chapter of the Florida State Native Plant Society will be having a native plant sale focusing on "Landscaping for the Birds," and will also lead a wildflower walk along the nature trail.

Fee: Free

Contact: Kirstin Wood **Phone:** 352-754-6722

**Website:** www.state.fl.us/fwc/join-us/chinsegut/ chinintr; www.members.tripod.com/hcfnps

Palm Beach Gardens, Palm Beach, FL **North American Butterfly Association Fourth Biennial Members Meeting** 

May 18-21

Contact: Kathy Malone or Alana Edwards, NABA

Meeting Co-chairs

Address: 3206 Palm Drive, Delray Beach, Florida

33483

Radisson Mart Plaza Hotel, Miami, FL Florida Native Plant Society Conference May 4-7

20th Annual Conference. Field trips, educational programs and speakers. Registration required. For information call or email.

**Phone:** 305-642-9141

**E-mail:** conference@fnps.org

#### **GEORGIA**

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA **Schoolyard Habitat Workshop** 

March 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Reconnect students of the natural world as you learn how to implement this program designed by the Georgia Wildlife federation in your school. All participants will receive a planning guide. Preregistration required.

**Fee:** \$24

**Contact:** Callaway Gardens Education Department

**Phone:** 1-800-225-5292

**E-mail:** education@callawaygardens.com

Callaway Gardens, Pine Mountain, GA **Spring is spectacular** 

April 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Spend a day hiking across the Callaway Lower Valley with staff naturalistis. We will be on the lookout for wildflowers and wildlife and share with you how we are managing our lands to improve habitats for wild creatures. Length: 6.5 miles.

Fee: \$4 per person; \$3 members

**Contact:** Calaway Gardens Education Department

**Phone:** 1-800-225-2000

E-mail: education@callawaygardens.com

Day Hall, Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA **Bi-Monthly Georgia Native Plant Society Meeting** 

May 9, 7:30 p.m.

David Varnadoe, of the Joseph W. Jones Ecological Research Center, will speak on "Identification and Care of Native Azaleas". Open to the public.

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Georgia Native Plant Society **Website:** www.mindspring.com/~gnps

Peachtree Presbyterian Church, Atlanta, GA Georgia Native Plant Society Third Annual Plant Sale

May 13, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The sale will be conducted in the Magnolia Parking

Lot which is across the street and one block north of the church. We have always managed to have a large and diverse inventory of plants at reasonable prices, and this year is sure to be the same. In addition to the regular sale, there will be a number of special plants sold by silent auction. There is always a need for help in organizing and conducting the sale. If you are willing to donate some time and energy to this activity, which is one of the GNPS' main revenue producers, please call Julian Deal at 770-590-5752.

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Georgia Native Plant Society **Website:** www.mindspring.com/~gnps

#### **HAWAII**

No events listed at this time.

#### **IDAHO**

Bishop's House by the Old Idaho Penitentiary, Boise Foothills, Boise, ID Boise Foothills Wildflower Walks May 4, 11, 18 & 25, 6:30 p.m.

Wildflower walks are in the evenings in the Boise Foothills. The local flora is discussed and individual species will be identified for participants. Human and wildlife uses of these plants will also be discussed. Bring a jacket and wear walking shoes as the walks will be 1.5 to 2 hours long covering 0.5 to 1 mile. Please don't bring your dogs. No registration required.

Fee: Free

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Contact: Ann DeBolt Phone: 208-384-3465

US Forest Service Emmett Ranger District Office, Boise, ID

**Local Wildflower Walk** 

May 6, 9 a.m.-12 noon

We will carpool to a site just 15 minutes away where we will learn some of the local wildflowers of the area. Bring a jacket and wear walking shoes. Please don't bring your dogs. Register for this field trip by leaving a message with Ann.

Fee: Free

Contact: Ann DeBolt Phone: 208-384-3465

Hidden Springs Mercantile, Boise, ID Dry Creek Riparian Walk

May 23, 6:30 p.m.

Explore the Dry Creek riparian area with a local biologist to learn about the importance of these habitats. Bring a jacket and wear walking shoes as the walks will be 1 to 2 hours long. Please don't bring your dogs.

Fee: Free

Contact: Ann DeBolt Phone: 208-384-3465

Crystal Summit, Pocatello, ID

Wildflower Walk May 26, Evening

Local flora will be discussed and individual species will be identified for the participants. Human and wildlife uses of these plants and problems associated with noxious weeds and their affect on native plants will also be discussed.

Fee: Free

Contact: Cleve Davis Phone: 208-478-6344 Website: www.id.blm.gov

# **ILLINOIS**

Byron Colby Community Barn at Prairie Crossing, Grayslake, IL

**Enhancing Your Outdoor Habitat** 

March 13, 7:15 p.m.

**Enhancing "Curb Appeal" with Native Plants.** 

Contact: Karin Wisiol Phone: 847-548-1650

Greenbelt Cultural Center, Greenbelt Forest Preserve, North Chicago, IL Butterfly Gardening

April 2

What factors have influenced butterfly populations in our area and how can gardeners help foster these winged jewels? In this slide presentation, discover the secrets of designing a butterfly garden in your own yard and find out which plants are best to attract these ephemeral beauties. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$10; \$5 Lake County residents

**Phone:** 847-948-7750

**E-mail:** ryersonwoods@co.lake.il.us

Byron Colby Community Barn at Prairie Crossing, Grayslake, IL

**Enhancing Your Outdoor Habitat** 

April 10, 7:15 p.m.

Gardening for Birds and Butterflies.

**Contact:** Karin Wisiol **Phone:** 847-548-1650

Wright Woods Forest Preserve, Lincolnshire, IL Walk on the Wildflower Side

April 29

Uncover surprising cultural secrets of our wildflowers while hiking some of our nicest trails. Discover the superstitions, medicinal value and folklore native plants hold. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$4; \$3 Lake County residents

**Phone:** 847-948-7750

**E-mail:** ryersonwoods@co.lake.il.us

Byron Colby Community Barn at Prairie Crossing, Grayslake, IL

**Enhancing Your Outdoor Habitat** 

May 8, 7:15 p.m.

**Design Help from Experts.** 

Contact: Karin Wisiol **Phone:** 847-548-1650

Old School Forest Preserve, Libertyville, IL **Lake County Forest Preserve Native Plant Sale** May 13, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

All plants available at the sale are Lake County natives grown from seed in our bioregion. Over 50 species of native wildflowers, grasses, ferns and more for sale. The event is accompanied by free workshops covering topics such as gardening for wildlife and composting. All proceeds benefit the **Lake County Forest Preserve youth stewardship** and restoration ecology education programs.

Fee: Free

**Phone:** 847-968-3333

**E-mail:** ryersonwoods@co.lake.il.us

Ryerson Woods Forest Preserve, Deerfield, IL Wildflower I.D. Walk

May 14

Discover the blooming spring wildflowers of Lake County: where they grow and how to identify

them. Pre-registration required. Fee: \$4; \$3 Lake County residents

**Phone:** 847-948-7750

**E-mail:** ryersonwoods@co.lake.il.us

Lyons Woods Forest Preserve, Waukegan, IL Walk on the Wildflower Side

May 27

Uncover surprising cultural secrets of our wildflowers while hiking some of our nicest trails. Discover the superstitions, medicinal value and folklore native plants hold. Pre-registration required.

Fee: \$4; \$3 Lake County residents

**Phone:** 847-948-7750

**E-mail:** ryersonwoods@co.lake.il.us

Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL

**Interaction by Design: Bringing People and Plants** 

**Together for Horticultural Therapy** 

July 19-23

International People-Plant Symposium sponsored by the School of the Chicago Botanic Garden. The meeting also serves as the annual conference of the American Horticultural Therapy Association.

**Contact:** Education Registrar

**Phone:** 847-835-8261

Website: www.chicago-botanic.org

#### **INDIANA**

Nashville, IN

Spring Wildflowers I

March 14, 12 noon

**Sponsor:** Indiana Native Plant and Wildflower Society

Contact: Dr. Rebecca Dolan

**Phone:** 317-940-9413 E-mail: rdolan@butler.edu

#### IOWA

North Iowa Area Community College, Mason City,

IA

**Seventeenth North American Prairie Conference** 

July 16-20

Contact: Carol Schutte **Phone:** 515-422-4319

E-mail: schutcar@niacc.cc.ia.us

#### **KANSAS**

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Wildlife Gardens

March 16, 23, and 30, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

A three-session lecture series on landscaping to attract wildlife, emphasizing butterflies, songbirds, and humming birds.

Fee: \$25 members; \$30 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

**Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS The Basics of Birding** 

April 5, 12 noon
Lunchtime lecture.
Fee: Free with admission
Phone: 316-264-0448
Website: www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Birding at Botanica

April 11, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

**Fee:** Free with admission **Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

**Birding at Botanica** 

May 9, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

Fee: Free with admission Phone: 316-264-0448 Website: www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Butterfly Festival

June 3, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. & June 4, 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Celebrate the season opening of Botanica's Butterfly House with great activities for kids, information for grown-ups and fun for all. Stroll among hundreds of free-flight butterflies in this unique 2700 sq. ft. facility. Meet monarchs, swallowtails, julias, queens, zebra longwings, malachites and more.

**Fee:** Free with admission **Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Wilson County Conservation District, Fredonia,

KS

Wilson County Wildflower Tour

June 3

Fifth annual tour; contact the Conservation District for reservations and fee information.

**Phone:** 316-378-2420

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve

June 10

Journey back in time to open tallgrass prairie and imposing limestone buildings at the Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Enjoy guided tours of the buildings, and a tour of the surrounding hills. Includes lunch, transportation, snacks, and guided tour. Space is limited. Reservation deadline is April 14.

Fee: \$35 members; \$40 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

Birding at Botanica

June 13, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks

in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

**Fee:** Free with admission **Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Treemazing!

June 13, 20 & 27

Summer camp for K-6th graders. Discover how trees live and what effect they have on our lives. Create original art, make paper, learn how trees breathe, and more. Paid reservations required. Call for information.

Fee: \$25 members; \$30 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Art in the Garden - Charcoal and Pen and Ink Drawing of Botanica

June 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Join Steve Dudek of Barton County Community College in this beginners course of charcoal and pen and ink illustration. Bring a sack lunch; snacks

**provided. All supplies provided. Fee:** \$55 members; \$60 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448

Website: www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Colorado Botanical Adventure

July 10-15

Join us for an educational trip to the Crested Butte Wildflower Festival, Denver Botanical Garden, and the Butterfly Pavillion. Call for more information. Reservation deadline is May 1, 2000.

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Insectirific!

July 11, 18, and 25

Summer camp for K-6th graders. Journey through the awesome world of insects and how they relate to plants, other animals, and us! Paid reservations required. Call for information.

Fee: \$25 members; \$30 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Birding at Botanica

July 11, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

**Fee:** Free with admission **Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS You're All Wet!

August 1, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. & August 2, 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Summer camp for middle schoolers. Explore water insects and other critters, how water moves around the system, our dependence on water, and more. Take a field trip to Rock Springs 4-H Center to study the spring, fast-flowing creeks, and wooded streambeds. Sack lunches needed for both days, snacks provided. Paid reservations required. Call for information.

Fee: \$35 members; \$40 non-members (Cost for both

days)

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

**Birding at Botanica** 

August 8, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

Fee: Free with admission Phone: 316-264-0448 Website: www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

Birding at Botanica September 12, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks

in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

**Fee:** Free with admission **Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

Birding at Botanica October 10, 9 a.m.

Join Roy and Pat Beckmeyer for guided bird walks

in the gardens. Meet in the lobby.

**Fee:** Free with admission **Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS Designing Your Landscape Workshop

October 16, 23 & 30, 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

A three-session, hands-on workshop that will help you design your own landscape. Limited to 20

participants.

Fee: \$60 members; \$75 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

Kids Stuff! - Monarch Week September 18, 19, 20 &22

This popular school field trip features games, activities, and demonstrations about the monarch butterfly. Reservations required. Call for scheduling information.

Fee: \$2.50 per person Phone: 316-264-0448 Website: www.botanica.org

Botanica, The Wichita Gardens, Wichita, KS

Quivira National Wildlife Refuge

October 19

Experience the fall migration at one of the country's premier waterfowl spots. Take a driving tour guided by a birdwatching enthusiast, tour the visitor's center andtake advantage of the short nature trail. Lunch will be at the Wheatland Cafe in nearby Hudson. Includes lunch, transportation, snacks, and guide. Space is limited. Reservation deadline is August 18.

Fee: \$30 members; \$35 non-members

**Phone:** 316-264-0448 **Website:** www.botanica.org

#### **KENTUCKY**

**Stearns Ranger District, Daniel Boone National Forest, KY** 

Wildflower Walk

April 15, 1-3 p.m.

Learn about Kentucky's blooming heritage. Expect to see 20-30 kinds of wildflowers. Walk will be about 1.5 miles on a moderate trail. Wear sturdy, comfortable shoes and bring drinking water.

Fees: None

**Sponsor:** U.S. Forest Service Contact **Names:** Laurie Smith or Lynda Perry

**Phone:** 606-376-5323

**E-mail:** lsmith/r8 danielboone stearns@fs.fed.us or

lperry/r8\_danielboone\_stearns@fs.fed.us

# Mammoth Cave National Park, Mammoth Cave, KV

**Springfest Wildflower Weekend** 

April 15-23, 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Various wildflower walks are led by experts from The Nature Conservancy, Kentucky Native Plant Society, and Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Vickie Carson **Phone:** 270-758-2254

**E-mail:** Vickie\_Carson@nps.gov **Website:** www.nps.gov/maca/

#### LOUISIANA

Barataria Preseve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preseve, Marrero, LA
Wildflower Walks

March 11-April 29, 10 a.m. Saturday Mornings Wildflower walks will be conducted each Saturday at 10 a.m. from the Bayou Coquille Trailhead. Rangers will guide the walk for 1/2 mile focusing on the spring-blooming flowers of Louisiana's wetlands; visitors are encouraged to continue on their own and enjoy spring in the swamp.

Fee: Free

Contact: Kirsty Wallisch Phone: 504-589-2330 Website: www.nps.gov/jela

Barataria Preseve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preseve. Marrero, LA

Art in the Park

March 18-April 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Art in the Park exhibition and contest features a wildflower theme. Professional and amateur artists may submit entries inspired by Preserve Wildflowers. Entries will be accepted February 19 through March 18. Entries will be judged by a popular vote from the visiting public during the exhibition.

Fee: Free

Contact: Kirsty Wallisch Phone: 504-589-2330 Website: www.nps.gov/jela

Barataria Preserve of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park and Preserve, Marrero, LA

Wild Iris Weekends

March 25-April 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Visitors can walk the wetland trails surrounded by wildflowers, including the spectacular giant blue iris. Park staff will be on hand for informal presentations

Fee: Free

Contact: Kristy Wallisch Phone: 504-589-2330 Website: www.nps.gov/jela

Barataria Preserve and town of Lafitte, Marrero,

LA

Louisiana Iris Celebration

April 9, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Barataria Presever and the nearby town of Lafitte celebrate the swamp's giant blue iris. Informal presentations and guided tours at the preserve; home and garden tours in town.

Fee: Free

Contact: Kristy Wallisch Phone: 504-589-2330 Website: www.nps.gov/jela Lousiana Native Plant Society's Vernon Unit, LA Bird, Bog, and Bayou Field Trip

May 2

A field trip in concert with the Louisiana Native Plant Society to look at pitcherplant bogs, the federally endangered red-cockaded woodpecker and other aspects of the Longleaf Pine/Pitcher Plant Bog ecosystem in some of the best remaining examples of the ecosystem.

Fee: Free

Contact: Charles Allen Phone: 318-342-1814

**E-mail:** dmoore@sv2wo.wo.fs.fed.us

#### Winn District, LA

Field Trip

September 23

A field trip to look at calcareous prairies an endangerd habitat in North-central Louisiana. There prairies are home to over one dozen rare plants, and the showy fall wildflowers will be in peak bloom.

Fee: Free

Contact: David Moore Phone: 318-352-2568

**E-mail:** dmoore@sv2wo.wo.fs.fed.us

#### MAINE

Bar Harbor Garden Club and Acadia National Park, Bar Harbor, ME Wild Gardens of Acadia

Daylight hours

Visit the Wild Gardens of Acadia and learn about Maine's native plants. The garden displays native plant communities common to Acadia National Park and mid-coast Maine, including mountaintop, woodland, and bog habitats. Plants are labeled for easy identification.

Fee: Free

Plants to Avoid

Contact: Linda Gregory Phone: 207-288-5463

Holiday Inn Regency, Bar Harbour, ME Creating Sustainable Landscapes: Plants to Plant,

October 14-15; 8:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. October 14;

8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. October 15

This symposium is intended as a forum for concerned horticulturalists and environmentalists in the Green Industry who are confronted with decisions on plant selection that increasingly require consideration of the invasive potential of plant species. Non-native, invasive plants threaten the distinctive character of the New England land-scape. Learn to identify today's problems, to predict which plants may pose a threat in the future and to promote our native flora. The Saturday sessions focus on ornamental invasive plant species in New England and includes afternoon field labs in Acadia National Park. Sunday sessions are devoted to showcasing alternative plant choices.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Reeser Manley **Phone:** 207-581-2937

Website: www.ume.maine.edu/ced-conf/hort.html

#### **MARYLAND**

Irvine Natural Science Center, Stevenson, MD 9th Annual Native Plant Seminar and Sale August 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Seminar features presentations from three experts in native plants: Martha Simon Pindale (Bluemount Nurseries, Inc.), Peggy Olwell (Plant Conservation Alliance), and Neil Diboll (Prairie Nursery, Inc.). Twelve of the region's leading native plant nurseries will participate in a plant sale coinciding with the conference. Call for brochure and additional information.

Fee: \$50 per participant; plant sale is free

**Sponsors:** Irvine Natural Science Center, Biohabitats, Inc, Ecological Restoration & Management, Inc.

**Phone:** 410-484-2413

Website: www.explorenature.org

Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD Wildlife Habitat Council 12th Annual Symposium November 6-7

Join us this year as we focus on the fundamentals of creating programs that bring benefits to companies, the community, and wildlife. Panels will include water quality and watershed protection, small woodlot management, increasing empolyee and community involvement, invasive species control and saving money with your wildlife program.

**Contact:** Wildlife Habitat Council

**Phone:** 301-588-8994

E-mail: whc@wildlifehc.org

Website: www.wildlifehc.org

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA **Garden in the Woods Opens** 

April 15-October 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The New England Wild Flower Society's Garden in the Woods opens April 15. Informal Guided Walks are Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. Group

tours are by reservation only.

Fee: Free with admission. **Contact:** Barbara Pryor **Phone:** 508-877-7630 E-mail: newfs@newfs.org Website: www.newfs.org

# Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA **Earth Day**

April 29 & September 5

Guided tours of the Garden, special family programs, activity sheets for Garden exploration, and take-home discovery packets for children to use to explore the natural world on their own.

Fee: Free with admission. Contact: Barbara Pryor **Phone:** 508-877-7630 E-mail: newfs@newfs.org Website: www.newfs.org

# Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA **Peak Spring Bloom**

May 1-June 12; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in May & 9 a.m.-5

p.m. in June

During the spring the floral parade sweeps through the Garden every two weeks. Informal guided walks Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.

Fee: Free with admission. Contact: Barbara Pryor **Phone:** 508-877-7630 E-mail: newfs@newfs.org Website: www.newfs.org

# Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA Wildflower Sale

June 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Gardeners can choose from over 200 varieties of native plants, long-lived garden perennials, everygreen ground covers, rock garden plants, and flowering shrubs. Silent auction 10 a.m. - noon.

Refreshments and lunch available. The Garden in the Woods staff will be on hand to answer questions. Additional parking and shuttle bus available from the Hemenway School, 729 Water St. Admission to the Wildflower Sale is free.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Barbara Pryor **Phone:** 508-877-7630 E-mail: newfs@newfs.org Website: www.newfs.org

# Garden in the Woods, Framingham, MA **August Gardening Series**

August 6, 13, 20 & 27, 1:30 p.m-2:30 p.m.

Explore a uniquely beautiful garden, discover new plants, and learn about the latest gareneing ideas and techniques in a series of special one-hour slide programs offered by well-known horticultural experts.

Fee: Programs free with admission

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#### **MICHIGAN**

Nichols Arboretum, Ann Arbor, MI

**Restoration Workday** May 13, 9 a.m.-12 noon

West end of Dow Praire. Join Arboretum Director **Bob Grese and other members of the Arboretum** staff for restoration efforts throughout the Nichols Arboretum. Dress to work outside! Snacks and tools provided, but you are welcome to bring your own loppers or pruners. The workday will conclude with a short talk on restoration efforts ongoing in the Arboretum and some plant identification.

Fee: Free and open to the public

**Sponsor:** University of Michigan's Nichols Arboretum

**Contact:** April Pickrel **Phone:** 734-998-9541

Website: www.umich.edu/~wwarb

Nichols Arboretum, Ann Arbor, MI Mother's Day Wildflower Walk

May 14, 2 p.m.

Washington Heights Entrance. Join docents Liz Glynn and April Pickrel for a look at springtime splendor in the woods and fields of the Arboretum. The tour will highlight native Michigan species (including several varieties of trillium), blooms in the Appalachian Glen, and whatever else our observant visitors can spot. Bring Mom along and have a great afternoon!

Fee: Free and open to the public

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Contact: April Pickrel Phone: 734-998-9541

Website: www.umich.edu/~wwarb

University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens, Ann Arbor, MI Wild Flower Day

May 14, 12 noon-4 p.m.

Activities include guided tours, wildflower sales, and a "tea" as part of Mother's Day. Focus of the event is the Helen V. Smith Woodland Wildflower Garden.

Contact: Karen Meske Phone: 734-998-7061

Website: www.lsa.umich.edu/mbg

Hiawatha National Forest, Munising, MI Wildflower Drawing Demonstration

June 5, 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Wildflower drawing demonstration. Come and try it for yourself!.

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Hiawatha National Forest (U.S. Forest

Service)

Contact: Deb Le Blanc Phone: 906-387-2512

Clear Lake Camp, Munising, MI Botany Methods Workshop July 25-27, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Learn about botany field collection, i.d., techniques, herbarium specimen preparation, etc. with Dr. Edward Voss.

Fee: \$170 per student

Sponsor: Hiawatha National Forest (U.S. Forest

Service)

Contact: Jan Schultz Phone: 906-228-8491

**E-mail:** jschultz@mimarquett.fsc.usda.gov

Clear Lake Camp, Munising, MI Lichens Workshop August 7-9, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Lichen ecology and taxonomy with Dr. Clifford Wetmore.

**Fee:** \$170 per student

Sponsor: Hiawatha National Forest (U.S. Forest

Service)

Contact: Jan Schultz Phone: 906-228-8491

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University of Michigan School of Public Health and Nichols Arboretum, Ann Arbor, MI Celebrating Your Native Landscape: Bringing It

Celebrating Your Native Landscape: Bringing It
All Home

August 12, registration 7:30 a.m.- 9 a.m.; conference 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Wild Ones Natural Landscapers annual conference will introduce principles of natural landscaping with native plants. The conference will feature morning talks by Craig Tufts, Chief Naturalist of the National Wildlife Federation and author of The Backyard Naturalist, and other notable speakers. The afternoon program will include workshops and field tours on introducing native plants to a tradional garden, native grasses and sedges, attracting backyard wildlife, propagating and planting native plants, water quality issues and native landscapes, working with local governments to encourage native landscaping, plant identification, managing invasive exotic plants, prairie wildflowers and grasses, and woodland groundcovers.

**Fee:** \$35 for Wild Ones Members and Friends of Nichols Arboretum; \$40 for non-members (before 8/1). \$50 (after 8/1).

**Sponsors:** Michigan Chapters of the Wild Ones and Nichols Arboretum Contact: Maryann Whitman

**Phone:** 248-601-2553

E-mail: wildones-conference@ic.net

Website: www.for-wild.org

#### **MINNESOTA**

University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN Native Ornamental Grasses for the Garden March 10 or 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon

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Mary Tichenor, Washington Cou

Mary Tichenor, Washington County Master Gardener, will talk about which grasses are hardy and easy to grow in your garden. March 25 class will be held in the Education Building, Dodge Nature

Center.

Fee: \$15 members of Arboretum and Dodge Nature

Center; \$25 non-members. **Contact:** Shirley Mah Kooyman **Phone:** 612-443-2460 Ext. 566 **E-mail:** shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN **Growing Orchids** 

March 12, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Learn from Bob Bulthuis, an award winning orchid exhibitor, which orchids are adapted for home culture and do well in the Minnesota home. Topics include identification, care, repotting, insects, diseases, and a review of major species. Participants will receive an orchid plant to start their own collection.

Fee: \$20 members, \$30 non-members **Contact:** Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

Mississippi Valley National Wildlife Refuge, Bloomington, MN

Rare Plants and Local Ecotypes: Emerging Issues

in Native Plant March 18

**Sponsor:** Minnesota Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Meredith Cornett **Phone:** 651-772-7574

Minnetonka Community Center, Minnetonka, MN **Spring into Action: Successful Gardening** 

March 18-April 14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This fourth annual Spring symposium sponsored by the Arboretum and cities of Minnetonka and Hopkins is designed for gardeners of all levels who like to learn about plans and gardening techniques. Topics will be: Perennials for Summer Display; Hidden Assets of Trees; Designing Water Gardens. The Community Center is located one half mile west of I-494 on Minnetonka Blvd (Co. Rd. 5)

Fee: \$24 Arboretum members, Minnetonka and

Hopkins residents; \$35 for others **Contact:** Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** 

Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN

**Pruning Landscape Trees and Shrubs** 

March 19, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Spring is one of the best times to prune your trees and shrubs. Learn terminology, treatment for decidupous and evergreen woody plants, triming, renewal pruning, hedges, proper cuts and equip-

ment.

Fee: \$15 members; \$25 non-members **Contact:** Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN

Creating a Landscape Plan for Your Home

March 23 & 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27; 6:30 p.m.-8:30

By understanding design principles and processes you will be able to develop a landscape plan that is just right for your home. Topics include drives and walks, decks and patios, fences and hedges, grading and drainage, night lighting, foundation plantings and implementing your plan. Michael Schroeder is a registered landscape architect with the

Hoisington Koegler Group, Inc. in Edina, MN.

Fee: \$65 members; \$85 non-members Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** 

Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN **Introduction to Prairie Plants** March 29, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Capture the beauty of prairie plants and their durability, hardiness, drought resistance, and wonderful colors. Learn which species do best, and how to care for them, in the garden setting.

Fee: \$15 members; \$25 non-members Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN

**Bonsai Class** 

April 1, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

This lecture and demonstration will include key points of bonsai preparation, care, basic bonsai

techniques, proper use and care of bonsai tools, and the selection of plants. Minnesota hardy maples have been selected for the demonstration.

Fee: \$15 members; \$25 non-members Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN

The Shade Garden

April 4 or 15, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Selecting plants for shady locations is far more challenging tan for sunny locations. Go beyond begonias and impatiens and learn which plants will thrive in the shade. Find out how the texture, color, and shape of leaves can add interest. The April 15 class will be held at the new Education Building, **Dodge Nature Center** 

Fee: \$15 members of Arboretum and Dodge Nature

Center; \$25 non-members. Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

**E-mail:** shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** 

Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN **Progagation Techniques Clinic** 

April 6, 11 a.m.-12 noon

Learn how to propagate plants from seeds and cuttings. Meet at the Keating Greenhouse in the Home Demonstration Gardens, located across the road from the Wilson Rose Garden.

Fee: Members free; non-members gate fee only.

**Contact:** Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** 

Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN

**Plant Information Fair** 

April 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

This annual free full-day educational trade fair will feature over 20 plant societies and garden clubs. Come learn from specialists, who will be on hand to answer questions, share information about their clubs, sell educational materials, including books. Plants unique and special to the participating clubs will also be available for sale.

Fee: Free

Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** 

Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN

**Daylilies for the Garden** 

April 13, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Daylilies are among the most reliable perennials in the garden. Learn about the habits and culture of older and newer plants, including the latest varieties with longer flowering periods, better colors and patterns, and increased bud count.

Fee: \$15 members; \$25 non-members Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

**Volunteer to Monitor Minnesota Dwarf Trout lilies** 

April 17-28, including some weekends

Volunteers are expected to donate one or more full days. Join a crew to search for or count this Minnesota endemic federally listed species. This is an annual volunteer opportunity. Exact dates depend on flowering phenology

Fees: No cost for helping, but volunteers are required to register on the spot as official DNR volunteers

**Sponsor:** Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Contact: Nancy Sather, Botanist/Ecologist, Minnesota

Natural Heritage Program **Phone:** 651-297-4963

E-mail: Nancy.Sather@dnr.state.mn.us

**University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum** 

Classroom 2, Chanhassen, MN **Plant Combinations for Containers** April 25 May 2, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Learn to identify and recognize some of

Minnesota's spring woodland wildflwoers. The first class will be a slide lelecture at the Arboretum. The second class will meet at Wolsfeld Woods near Wayzata to study the wildflowers in their natural habitat (directions will be provided at the first

class.) Dress for spring hiking.

Fee: \$25 members; \$35 non-members. Contact: Shirley Mah Kooyman

**Phone:** 612-443-2460

E-mail: shirley@arboretum.umn.edu

Minnesota Valley National Refuge, Bloomington,

MN

**Spring Native Plant Sale** 

June 1, 7 p.m.

In addition to the annual plant sale, the Minnesota Native Plant Society meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Refuge for lecture programs related to native plants. Check the Web page for scheduled events.

Fee: Free

Contact: Catherine Reed Phone: 612-644-3765

Website: www.stolaf.edu/depts/biology/mnps

# **MISSISSIPPI**

No events listed at this time.

#### **MISSOURI**

Lek Trek 2000 July 21-October 14

An awareness and fund-raising walk across Missouri's prairie country on behalf of Missouri's Grasslands Coalition and the Missouri Prairie Foundation.

Contact: Sharron Gough Phone: 417-876-5226

Powell Gardens, Kingsville, MO Growing Gourds

April 1, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

You will learn how to plant, maintain, harvest, and clean gourds in this hands-on class. Many examples of various types of gourds will be available for you to see, and will make a birdhouse from a bottle gourd. All materials will be provided, and you will receive seeds to plant in your garden.

Fee: \$32 member, \$35 non-members

**Phone:** 816-697-2000

Website: www.powellgardens.org

Missouri Prairie Foundation, Columbia, MO Grasslands Tour 2000

May 27-June 1

Tour the Kansas Prairies and Grasslands, led by an MPF naturalist; visit the new Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve and tour the old Z-Bar Ranch; take a guided tour of the Land Institute and learn about experiments in sustainable land use centered in grassland management; visit some of the few

remaining huge prairie dog towns.

Fee: \$825 per person, double occupancy; cost includes

bus, transfers, lodging and food. **Website:** www.moprairie.org

Prairie State Park, Liberal, MO Tallgrass Prairie Wildflower Walks

June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2; 10:00 a.m. Enjoy a leisurely stroll among the colorful wildflowers of a tallgrass prairie. A park naturalist will provide information on identification, wild edibles, medicinal uses and folklore about the native plants.

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Contact: Cyndi A. Evans, Park Naturalist

**Phone:** 417-843-6711

**E-mail:** dspprair@mail.dnr.state.mo.us

Prairie State Park, Liberal, MO Prairie Jubilee and Lek Trek

October 14; 9 a.m Lek Trek & 10 a.m.-4 p.m Prairie

Jubilee

Two great events rolled into one day. The Lek Trek is a statewide event designed to bring awareness to Missourians about the condition of our native prairies and their inhabitatns. The Greater Prairie Chicken, an endangered species of the prairie, serves as the mascot. The day will begin with a guided prairie hike and a ceremony for all the volunteers and participants that have in various ways worked to raise awareness as well as funds to save the last of Missouri's prairies. This will be followed by the Prairie Jubilee with a variety of activities including guided wagon rides to view the bison, storytelling, music and dancing from the 1850's, native wildflowers for sale, a bison burger lunch, living history demonstrations, bison chip throwing contest and more!

Fee: Free; small fee for bison burger lunch

**Sponsor:** Missouri Department of Natural Resources **Contact:** Kevin Badgley, Cyndi A. Evans, and Laura

Hendrickson, Park Staff **Phone:** 417-843-6711

E-mail: dspprair@mail.dnr.state.mo.us

St. Louis, MO 27th Natural Areas Conference October 16-20

The theme, Managing the Mosaic: Connecting People and Natural Diversity in the 21st Century,

will stress the importance of human interaction in wildlife conservation and management. Excellent field trips will highlight the tremendous natural diversity found in Missouri. Check conference web site for continuous updates and information.

Sponsors: Natural Areas Association and Missouri

Department of Conservation

**Website:** www.conservation.state.mo.us/nac

#### **MONTANA**

Hamilton, MT

Bitterroot National Forest Annual Wildflower Walk

To be announced

This annual event is held every spring somewhere on the Bitterroot National Forest in order to celebrate the beginning of spring and the wildflower season. Emphasis is on the common native plants of lower elevations on the Forest and medicinal, edible and Native American uses are discussed. Although all of the common forbs, shrubs, trees and grasses are identified, not all will be blooming. Species most likely to be seen blooming include arrowleaf balsamroot, lupine, Indian paintbrush, death camas, heartleaf arnica, bluebells, serviceberry, syringa, bitterroot, cut-leaf daisy, prairie smoke, larkspur, yellowbells, shooting stars, and lots more.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Linda Pietarinen **Phone:** 406-363-7172

E-mail: Pietarinen Linda/r1 bitterroot@fs.fed.us

#### **NEBRASKA**

Arbor Day Farm/Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE

**Building with Trees Conference How to Save Trees During Construction and Land Development Projects** 

March 13-15

This conference presented in cooperation with the National Association of Home Builders expands upon the Foundations successful regional seminars on saving trees during construction and land development projects. The conference will focus on developments that successfully preserve the existing tree resource; the team approach to building with trees and the different roles played by the various professions involved; and new research, issues and

trends that could impact building with trees.

Fee: \$295 with early registration

Contact: The National Arbor Day Foundation

**Phone:** 402-474-5655 or 888-448-7337

Arbor Day Farm/Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City, NE

**Using Conservation Buffers in Urbanizing Landscapes National Conference** 

May 9-11

Any community, large or small, that is experiencing growth will benefit from information available at this conference. The USDA National resources Conservation Services joins The National Arbor Day Foundation to provide a forum for community officials, citizen leaders, planners, developers, builder, landscape architects, and others to learn how conservation buffer technology can be incorporated into new nad renovated urban and suburban areas. Buffers can protectthe land, clean the air and streams, and make life better for all.

Fee: \$295 with early registration

Contact: The National Arbor Day Foundation

**Phone:** 402-474-5655 or 888-448-7337

#### **NEVADA**

No events listed at this time.

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

No events listed at this time.

#### **NEW JERSEY**

Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ Native Plant Society of New Jersey Annual Meeting March 18

Speaker and agenda to be announced.

South Plainfield Free Public Library, NJ Birdscaping Your Garden

March 21

**Sponsor: Friends of the Woods, Environmental** 

**Education Reserve Phone:** 908-226-7621

Dekorte Park, NJ

**Hackensack Meadowlands Commission** 

April 6, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Examine watershed history, learn about cedarwood forest ... walk the wetlands and learn how human activities have influenced wetlands history ... learn about estuary ecology ... walk on top of a mound of garbage converted to a wildlife and plant sanctuary ... tour the boardwalk over the water and do some birding

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of New Jersey

**Contact:** Bunny Jackot **E-mail:** bunnyjl9@aol.con

Stephen and Lily Cheng Science Library, Cook College Campus, Rutgers University, New

Brunswick, NJ

Wildflowers in the Appalachians

April 7, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Dr. Adkins will give a lecture on Wildflowers in the Appalachians and will also lead a hike of the Appalachian Trail on Saturday morning.

Contact: Bill

**Phone:** 732-928-0600

New Brunswick, NJ Hike the Appalachian

April 8

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of New Jersey

Dr. Adkins will follow up his slide presentation with a bona fide hike along the Appalachian Trail that traverses New Jersey. Limited to 25 people.

Contact: Bill

**Phone:** 732-928-0600

#### New Brunswick, NJ

Tours of Frelinghuysen and Willowood Arboretum April 17

This wonderful one-day tour puts emphasis on all aspects of grounds management, maintenance, and design. The am tour of Frelinghuysen will focus on the 127-acre theme gardens, mature woody plant collections, and natural areas of wooded and meadow habitats. The pm tour of Willowood will focus on the 130-acre estate which features extensive native grass meadows, wooded hillsides, woody plant collections, and gardens. This site is perhaps New Jersey's best assemblage of temperate-zone plants, including numerous maples, oaks, willows, cherries, and perennials. Topics will include: horticultural maintenance techniques, ornamental identification, historical references, landscape

design principles, wildlife and meadow management, integrated pest management, and new/underused ornamentals.

Contact: Karen Plumley, Office of Continuing Profes-

sional Education **Phone:** 732-932-9271

Chester, NJ

Spring Wildflower Walk *April 22*, 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Join us for this Earth Day Event.

**Contact:** H. Ling **Phone:** 908-231-9115

South Plainfield, NJ Earth day in the Woods

April 23

**Phone:** 908-226-7621

Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ

Guided Walk on a portion of Appalachian Trail

May 6

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of New Jersey

South Plainfield, NJ May Day in the Woods

May 6, 9 a.m.

Guided tour, searching for migrating birds and

wildflowers.

**Phone:** 908-226-7621

Morristown National Historical Park Tickley

Hollow Unit, Morristown, NJ Wildflower walk

May 7, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

The walk views wildflowers in bloom such as Trout Lily, Spring Beauty Wood, and many others. The Park also has Experimental Herbacious Plant Restoration Programs and Research Plots. The one mile walk will be on the East Terrain and open to all ages. The two mile walk will begin at 2 p.m. and start from the Jockey Hollow Visitor Center.

**Fee:** \$4 for ages 17 older **Contact:** Bob Masson **Phone:** 908-766-6841

Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ Annual Plant Sale

May 8-9

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of New Jersey

Rutgers Display Gardens, Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ

**Native Plant Society of New Jersey Annual Plant** 

Sale

May 13-14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Contact:** H. Ling **Phone:** 908-231-9115

**Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, Pennington, NJ** 

**Annual Garden Tour** 

May 20

**Contact:** Kim Palmieri **Phone:** 609-737-3735

E-mail: kpalmieri@thewatershed.org

**Integrated Pest Management** 

June 8

Richie Brown will instruct. E-mail: CDandsstar@aol.com

#### **NEW MEXICO**

Albuquerque Garden Center, Albuquerque, NM Native Plant Society meetings

1st Thursday of the month except July and December, 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the monthly presentations, there are various field trips from March until September. Contact the Native Plant Society for further information.

Contact: Susan Homer Phone: 505-844-3513

E-mail: Shomer@sandia.gov

Albuquerque Garden Center, Albuquerque, NM Native Plant Show and Sale

April 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Native plant show and sale in conjunction with the

Albuquerque Garden Center.

Contact: Susan Homer Phone: 505-844-3513

E-mail: Shomer@sandia.gov

Last Chance Canyon Rattlesnake Springs, Guadalupe Mountains, Carlsbad, NM Guadalupe Mountains Wildflower Field Trip May 20 21; 20th 10:00 a.m. at Jct. US 285 and NM 137 Near Carlsbad and 21st 8:00 a.m. in Carlsbad Hike Last Chance Canyon, a riparian area within the Chichuauan Desert Scrub and Pinyon/Juniper woodland communities.

Fee: Free

Contact: Linda Barker Phone: 505-434-7263

Sacremento Ranger District, Cloudcroft, NM Sacremento Mountain-Chippaway Train Wild-

flower Hike July 29, 9 a.m.

The group will hike 3.2 miles of the Chippaway Trail. With the start of the monsoonal rains, the wildflowers should be out in profusion.

Fee: Free

Contact: Linda Barker Phone: 505-434-7263

Albuquerque Garden Center, Albuquerque, NM

**Native Plant Sale** 

August 19, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Native plant sale, exhibits and talks.

Contact: Susan Homer Phone: 505-844-3513

E-mail: Shomer@sandia.gov

### **NEW YORK**

Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, Hartford Hall, Valhalla, NY Landscaping with Native Plants

March 11

**Phone:** 914-785-6143

Native Plant Center at Westchester Community

College, Hartford Hall, Valhalla, NY Attracting Butterflies to Your garden

March 25

**Phone:** 914-785-6143

Minnewaska State Park Preserve, New Paltz, NY

Trees in our Forest *April 29, 10 a.m.* 

Celebrate Arbor Day by exploring the forests of Minnewaska, located 5 miles west of the intersection of Route 44/55 and Route 299, near New Paltz.

Fee: Free

Contact: Hatti Langsford Phone: 914-255-2011 E-mail: minne@netstep.net Native Plant Center at Westchester Community College, Hartford Hall, Valhalla, NY Growing Wildflowers

May 6

**Phone:** 914-785-6143

#### NORTH CAROLINA

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC Easy IDs for Carolina Trees

March 11 & May 13, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Designed for Naturalists and gardeners at any age or level, the workshop covers the identification of trees and shrub trees of the Caolinas, focusing on the most common natives.

Fee: \$10 members; \$20 non-members

Contact: Sarah Lineberger Phone: 704-829-1271 Website: www.dsbg.org

North Carolina Botanical Garden, Chapel Hill, NC Southeast Exotic Pest Plant Council Annual Symposium

**March 16-18** 

**Phone:** 919-962-0522

Website: www.unc.edu/depts/ncbg

RibbonWalk Conservancy, Charlotte, NC Woodland Wildflowers - First Signs of Spring

March 25, 10 a.m.-12 noon

By late March, the most adventuresome spring wildflowers are already beginning to appear.

Fee: Free for members; \$5/person, \$10/family non-

members

**Phone:** 704-599-2600

Website: www.RibbonWalk.org

RibbonWalk Conservancy, Charlotte, NC Composting for Kids

April 1

Especially for ages 6-14. Learn about composting, grasscycling, and beneficial insects. Preregistration required.

Fee: \$15 fee for an adult/child duo includes take-

home compost bin **Phone:** 704-599-2600

Website: www.RibbonWalk.org

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC Ecology and Landscape Design April 4, 12 noon-1 p.m.

Assistant Director for Conservation, North Carolina Botanical Garden, will explain how to use an ecological approach to landscape design that enhances the biodiversity of your garden, while creating a functional community of plants, etc.

Fee: \$10 members; \$20 non-members

Contact: Sarah Lineberger Phone: 704-829-1271 Website: www.dsbg.org

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC Wildflower Identification

April 22, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Identify wildflowers and other plants using Newcomb's Wildflower Guide and then keep the \$20 Guide for yourself. Preregistration required by mail; class limited to 12 participants.

Fee: \$30 members; \$40 non-members.

Contact: Sarah Lineberger Phone: 704-829-1271 Website: www.dsbg.org

Fontana Village, NC

27th Annual Fontana Village Spring Wildflower Hike Week

May 7-12

This is a wonderful wildflower week in the Smokies. Dogwood cabins at Fontana are \$59 + tax.

This yearly event is terrific with three levels of hikes each day and great evening activities.

Sponsor: North Carolina Wildflower Preservation

Society

Contact: Fontana Phone: 800-849-2258

Daniel Stowe Botanical Garden, Belmont, NC Gardening with Natives at Home

May 13, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Class will cover many aspects of growing native plants including site selection, soil preparation, and establishing plants.

Fee: \$10 members; \$20 non-members

Contact: Sarah Lineberger Phone: 704-829-1271 Website: www.dsbg.org

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Sullys Hill National Game Preserve, Fort Totten,

ND

**Sullys Hill Birding and Nature Festival** 

July 27-30; 6:30 a.m.-8 p.m., 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. on

July 30

Event features guided hikes, refuge tours, living history presentations, and workshops on topics like wildflowers, wildlands stewardship, and astronomy. Event is free to the public.

**Phone:** 800-233-8048

Website: www.sullyshillbirdfest.com

#### OHIO

Roscoe Village, Coshocton, OH Great Lakes District Gathering

May 13

Through The Herb Society of America.

Contact: Thea Steinmetz Phone: 440-892-3665

**United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary, Rutland, OH** 

Ethnobotany and the Search for New Psychotherapeutic Medicines with Dennis McKenna Ph.D

June 2-4

This workshop will provide an overview of the contributions that the sciences of ethnobotany and ethnopharmacology have made to Western medicine. We will examine the attention shamanic plants are receiving as potential psychotherapeutic agents.

Fee: \$175 Members; \$205 Non-members

**Sponsor:** United Plant Savers

**Phone:** 740-742-3456

E-mail: info@plantsavers.org

**United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary, Rutland, OH** 

**Exploring the Plant Human Relationship with Steven Foster** 

June 9-11

This workshop will focus on the plant-human relationship, getting to know the plants, how to identify them at various stages of growth, and how to use them on a sustainable basis, using the UpS Botanical Sanctuary as a classroom.

Fee: \$175 Members; \$205 Non-members

**Sponsor:** United Plant Savers

**Phone:** 740-742-3456

E-mail: info@plantsavers.org

**United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary, Rutland, OH** 

Sacred Plant Medicine Intensive with Stephen Harrod Buhner and Trishuwa

June 16-18

Plants not only heal our bodies, but can teach us how to live a sacred and whole life, one that has been recognized among indigenous peoples for thousands of years. Among the many topics we will explore are: the visionary source of all plant knowledge, how human beings talk to the plants and the plants to them, sacred plant medicine in healing, ceremony in the potentiating of plant medicines, and the medicine wheel and plants.

Fee: \$175 Members; \$205 Non-members

**Sponsor:** United Plant Savers

**Phone:** 740-742-3456

E-mail: info@plantsavers.org

Wooster, OH

**Great Lakes Herb Symposium** 

July 16-19

Through The Herb Society of America.

**Contact:** Ginny Miller **Phone:** 330-493-3125

**United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary, Rutland, OH** 

A Review of the Most Researched Herbal Products with Mark Blumenthal

September 29-October 1

The explosion of interest in herbal products worldwide has been spawned by consumer attitudes and market conditions that have made the herbal industry a mainstream phenomenon in many industrialized nations. This workshop will review the clinical studies on specific brands of leading popular herbs.

Fee: \$175 Members; \$205 Non-members

**Sponsor:** United Plant Savers

**Phone:** 740-742-3456

**E-mail:** info@plantsavers.org

**United Plant Savers Botanical Sanctuary, Rutland, OH** 

The Third Annual UpS Members Conference and Work Weekend

October 6-8

Workshops will include plant conservation, organic cultivation of native medicinal plants, plant walks,

ecological herbism, cultivation of medicinal mushrooms, starting your own botanical sanctuary, and much more. Teachers from across the country include Rosemary Gladstar, Christopher Hobbs, Pam Montgomery, Paul Strauss, and many more!

Fee: \$175 Members; \$205 Non-members

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## **OKLAHOMA**

Oklahoma Native Plant Society Field Trip to Black

Mesa *May 26-28* 

Spring field trip to Black Mesa.

Website: www.telepath.com/chadcox/onps.html

#### **OREGON**

Klamath Basin Federal Agencies, Klamath Falls, OR

Celebrating Wildflowers Photo Contest *June 2 deadline at 4 p.m.* 

This contest celebrates the beauty and diversity of native plants. This is the 5th annual "Celebrating Wildflowers" contest and over the past four years, nearly 250 wildflower photos have been viewed and enjoyed by thousands of people. Entries are being accepted in adults and kids (12 and younger) divisions in each of two categories: (1) individual flower or flowering plant, and (2) flowered land-scapes. For more information, please call.

Fee: Free

Contact: Frank Erickson Phone: 541-883-6715

Website: www.fs.fed.us/r6/winema

Hood River Ranger Station, Parkdale, OR 6th Annual Native Wildflower Photography Contest

June 2 deadline

This contest is open to the general public, and encourages photoraphers of all skill levels to participate. The goal of this event is to enhance people's knowledge and appreciation of native wildflowers, as well as to help folks learn to identify native flowers. Entry deadline is Friday, June 2. For details of entry specifications, contact the Hood River Ranger Station. Entries will be judged and

then will travel in a display to local visitor centers and museums in the Mt. Hood and Columbia River Gorge area from June - September.

Contact: Susan Cox or Darcy Morgan

**Phone:** 541-352-6002

Lava Lands Visitor Center, Newberry National Volcanic Monument, Bend, OR

The Trail of Molten Land

To be announced

A week long series of wildflower walks on the Lava Butte Lava Flow Trail during mid-June. Forest Service biologists and interpretive specialists will guide the visiting public on one scheduled tour per day.

Fee: Free

Contact: Larry Pratt, Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District

**Phone:** 541-383-4771

E-mail: lprat/r6pnw\_deschutes@fs.fed.us

Berry Botanic Garden, Portland, OR Plant Sale

April 1

Berry and The Oregon Garden are spnsoring this event. Seminars, plant sale, information booths, naturescaping and native plant workshops.

Glide Community Buidling, Glide, OR Glide Wildflower Show *April 29-30, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.* 

The Show emphasizes education, appreciation, and conservation. There are display specimens representing a variety of habitats in Southwest Oregon. Professional botanists volunteer to identify and classify exhibit specimens. This annual show features hundreds of plants from southwestern Oregon, arranged and identified by botanical and common names. Included are exhibits and specimens of wildflowers, trees, shrubs, lichens, liverworts, mosses, ferns, and grasses. Photos of rare and endangered species are on display. Photographers may come in from 8 a.m.-9 a.m.

Fee: Free

Contact: Alta Hayes Phone: 541-496-3616

Winema National Forest, Lakeview, OR Wildflower Identification Field Trip: Forest Plants *June 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.* 

This is one of three days of field trips to identify

wildflowers which may be attended on all three days or on individual days. We will have three botanist leaders: Kathy Cushman (USFS), Bob Wooley (USFS) and Lucile Housley (BLM) to help participants identify wild flowers, weeds and plant communities. We will talk about plant families, how to identify plants, weed invasions and identification, and Native American uses of plants. Maps to meeting place and other information will be sent to people making inquiries.

**Fee:** Free with people bringing their own vehicles and

car pooling

Sponsors: US National Forest Service, Bureau of

Land Management

Contact: Lucile Housley Phone: 541-947-6131

**E-mail:** lhousley@or.blm.gov

# USFS Silver Lake, Lakeview, OR

Wildflower Identification Field Trip: Forest Plants, Sagebrush Steppe Plants and Rare Plants on Ash Soils in Christmas Valley/Fremont National Forest *June 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.* 

This is one of three days of field trips to identify wildflowers which may be attended on all three days or on individual days. We will have three botanist leaders: Kathy Cushman (USFS), Bob Wooley (USFS) and Lucile Housley (BLM) to help participants identify wild flowers, weeds and plant communities. We will talk about plant families, how to identify plants, weed invasions and identification, and Native American uses of plants. Maps to meeting place and other information will be sent to people making inquiries.

**Fee:** Free with people bringing their own vehicles and

car pooling

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Land Management Contact: Lucile Housley Phone: 541-947-6131

E-mail: lhousley@or.blm.gov

**BLM/USFS Office South of Lakeview, Lakeview, OR** 

Wildflower Identification Field Trip: Sagebrush Steppe in BLM Areas East of Lakeview June 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

This is one of three days of field trips to identify wildflowers which may be attended on all three days or on individual days. We will have three botanist leaders: Kathy Cushman (USFS), Bob Wooley (USFS) and Lucile Housley (BLM) to help participants identify wild flowers, weeds and plant communities. We will talk about plant families, how to identify plants, weed invasions and identification, and Native American uses of plants. Maps to meeting place and other information will be sent to people making inquiries.

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car pooling

Sponsors: US National Forest Service, Bureau of

Land Management Contact: Lucile Housley Phone: 541-947-6131

E-mail: lhousley@or.blm.gov

Lithia Water Pavilion, Lithia Park, Ashland, OR Irene Hollenbeck Memorial Wildflower Show *July 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.* 

Sponsored by Siskiyou Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Oregon. Flowers are gathered from the valleys and mountains of the Cascades and Siskiyous of southern Oregon (where elevations range from 1,300 to 7,500 feet) and are identified by professional botanists.

**Contact:** Jum Duncan or Elaine Plaisance

**Phone:** 541-482-7629.

Portland, OR

Coasts at the Millenium: The Coastal Society Seventeenth International Meeting

July 9-12

Contact: Laurie Jodice Phone: 541-7373-1340 E-mail: jodicel@oce.orst.edu

**Website:** www.oce.orst.edu/mrm/tcs17/confhome.html

#### **PENNSYLVANIA**

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Nature Observation and Tracking Workshop *March 12, 1 p.m.* 

David Rohm, tracker, naturalist, and student of Tom Brown's Tracking, Nature Observation, and Wilderness Survival School, invites you to share his love of and dedication to nature. Ages 8 years and up. Reservations required.

Fee: \$2 members; \$4 non-members

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Walk About

March 25, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Explore budding trees, early wildflowers, birds, and other wildlife.

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Walk About

April 2, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

Explore early signs of spring, including salamanders, wildflowers, and other wildlife. Reservations required.

**Fee:** Free members; \$2 non-members

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Full Moon Hike for Adults

April 12, 7:30-9 pm

Join us for a peaceful stroll to discover nature at night. Reservations required.

Fee: \$2 members; \$4 non-members

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Fledglings: Puddles and Ponds

April 13, 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

We will explore the ecosystem of a pond and find out what an exciting, living puddle of water we have in our nature reserve. A craft and light snack will follow. Ages 3-5 years with an adult in attendance. Reservations required.

Fee: \$8 member pair; \$10 non-member pair

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Spring Ephemerals

April 16, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Join us on a relaxed hike to discover early spring wildflowers and their relationship to bees. Reservations required.

Fee: \$2 members; \$4 non-members

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

Historic Bartham's Garden, Philadelphia, PA Native Plant Sale

May 6, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Many unusual woody and herbaceous natives offered.

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**Phone:** 215-729-5281

Website: www.libertynet.org/bartham

Millersville University, Millersville, PA Native Plants in the Landscape Conference June 8 - 10

The 10th Annual Native Plants in the Landscape Conference will focus on relationships between native plants and the land ethic. Featured speakers include Buddy Huffaker from the Aldo Leopold Foundation, and Dr. Carl Leopold, son of Aldo Leopold.

Fee: Fees vary

Contact: Dept. Continuing Education

**Phone:** 717-872-3030

E-mail: rsayre@marauder.Millersv.univ

Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, Pittsburgh, PA Walk About

December 18, 1 p.m.

Join our naturalists on a walk through Beechwood to experience the subtle beauty of nature in winter. Animal tracks, insect egg cases, and evergreen plants await our discovery.

Sponsor: Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania

**Phone:** 412-963-6100

### **PUERTO RICO**

No events listed at this time.

#### RHODE ISLAND

Peace Dale, RI

**Introduction to Wildflower ID** 

March 18, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.

Dust off your field guides and bring it to this introductory workshop on wild plant identification. RIWPS walk leader Gary Plunkett will give commonly available field guides and how to use them. Whether you are a novice or just want to review basic techniques, this workshop will help you prepare for those spring walks coming up. Field guides will be available for sale at the workshop.

**Sponsor:** Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

**Phone:** 401-783-5895

Peace Dale, RI

Plant Family Identification: Whats in a Name?

March 21 & 28, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

How are plants named? This two-lecture minicourse by professor Richard J. Hull will outline the basics for plant classification to the level of family. Basic morphological characteristics that divide plants into family groups will be presented.

**Fee:** \$20

**Sponsor:** Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

**Phone:** 401-783-5895

Peace Dale, RI

**Early Spring at Great Swamp** 

March 25, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Come along with Anne B. Wagner and find out whats going on in the Great Swamp. Were sure to see Skunk Cabbage and Leatherleaf flowers. We may hear the calls of spring peepers and wood frogs. Fee.

**Sponsor:** Rhode Island Wild Plant Society

**Phone:** 401-783-5895

#### **SOUTH CAROLINA**

Oconee Station State Park, Walhalla, SC Station cove Wildflower Walk

April 8, 10 a.m.

Station Cove occurs adjacent to the Brevard Escarpment in South Carolina. Home to a variety of spring wildflowers, old growth forests, and a sparkling waterfall, the walk through Station Cove is most spectacular during March and April. The walk will include intrpretation of the native wildflowers by the USFS, and offer a tour of the historic Oconii Station, trading post between the Cherokee Indians and the first European settlers during the early 1700s.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Scott Alexander **Phone:** 864-638-2792

Website: www.fsweb.fms.r8.fs.fed.us

Thurmond Institute and South Carolina Botanical

Garden, Clemson, SC

South Carolina Native Plant Symposium: New Gardens for the 21st Century

April 15, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Talks will include Gardening with American treasures (Don Jacobs) and Natural History of South Carolina (Rudy Mancke). Afternoon sessions will include: Native plant selections, Trilliums: up close and personal Exploring Station Cove, Lake

Issaquena's natural areas, SCBG Nature Walk, Basics of native grasses, Woodland garden tour, Creating a dish-garden bog, Developing a pollinator-friendly garden, and Landscaping with natives.

**Fee:** General fee: \$35 including refreshments; \$42 including refreshments and box lunch; Student fee: \$20, including refreshments; \$27 refreshments, social and lunch.

Sponsors: South Carolina Native Plant Society, South

Carolina Botanical Garden

Contact: Sue Watts Phone: 864-656-3405

E-mail: lwagner@CLEMSON.EDU

Website: www.virtual.clemson.edu/groups/scbg

#### SOUTH DAKOTA

Waubay National Wildlife Refuge, Waubay, SD

Wildflower Hike

May 13, 1-3 p.m.

Widlflower hike led by Refuge Manager through a portion of Waubay National Wildlife Refuge.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

**Contact:** Connie Mueller **Phone:** 605-947-4521

E-mail: connie\_mueller@fws.gov

#### **TENNESSEE**

Cheekwood Botanical Garden, Nashville, TN Wildflower Fair

March 31-April 2

A 20-year old sale featuring many unusual spring woodlanders with tours and vendors.

**Phone:** 615-353-2148

Website: www.cheekwood.org

Nashville, TN

Sweetwater Branch Nature Trail - Natchez Trace

April 1, 10 a.m.

Interesting spring wildflowers. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

Contact: Dennis Horn Phone: 931-461-0262

Norris Dam Park, TN

April 8, 10 a.m.

Loop trail below dam has many native plants.

Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society Contact: Susan and Allen Sweetser

**Phone:** 865-938-7627

Reflection Riding Arboretum Botanical Garden, Chattanooga, TN

Wildflower Festival and Native Plant Sale

April 14, 15, 16, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Fri. Sat.; 1 p.m. - 5

p.m. Sun.

along with sales of hundreds of wildflowers and native plants, there will be guided wildflower walks and several educational programs

**Contact:** Margaret Frederick

**Phone:** 423-821-9582

**E-mail:** gonative@reflectionriding.org

Old Stone Fort State Park, Manchester, TN April 15, 10 a.m.

Interesting archeology, geology, waterfalls, and

flowers. Hike moderate.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Dennis Horn **Phone:** 931-461-0262

Frozen Head State Natural Area, Wartburg, TN April 22, 10 a.m.

Panther Branch is considered by many to be the best spring wildflower area in the state. moderate hike. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

**Contact:** David Engebretson

**Phone:** 423-346-3318

Knoxville, TN

**Smoky Mountain Wildflower Pilgrimage** 

April 27-29

Probably the largest of its kind, with over 90 half day and all day hikes within the 3 day event.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society Website: www.goldsword.com/wildflower/

pilgrimage.html

Conasauga River Hike, Cleveland, TN

May 27, 10 a.m.

Hike is moderate, about 3 miles. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

Contact: Al Good **Phone:** 423-886-1777 Savage Gulf/Stone Door, Beersheba Springs, TN

June 10, 10 a.m.

Easy hike. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Dennis Horn **Phone:** 931-461-0262

Nashville, TN

**Charlie's Bunion - Smoky Mountains** 

July 8, 10 a.m.

A refreshing cool high altitude hike along the Appalachian Trail. Hike moderate. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society **Contact:** Allen and Susan Sweetser

**Phone:** 865-938-7627

Lookout Mountain/Cloudland Canyon State Park,

July 29, 10 a.m.

Summer outing. Easy roadside stops. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

Contact: Al Good **Phone:** 423-886-1777

Cowan, TN

**Area Botanical Sites** 

August 27, 10 a.m.

Roadside stops, Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

Contact: Dr. Margaret Rhinehart

**Phone:** 931-946-2381

Fort Campbell, TN

Fort Campbell Kentucky Barrens

September 16, 9 a.m.

This is a rare opportunity to see an area that has restricted access. Be sure to call ahead as military exercices could cause this trip to be cancelled or rescheduled. Easy car caravan. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Andrea Shea **Phone:** 615-532-0439

Warren County, TN

Harrison Ferry Mountain / Hubbard Cave

September 30, 11:30 a.m. for lunch

Meet at Pish-La-Ki restauran, which has a scenic

overlook on Harrison Ferry mountain near

McMinneville. The trip will conclude at Hubbard

Cave to see bats.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

Contact: Ruth Ann Henry Phone: 931-473-6298

Wes, TN

**Hatchie River Canoe Trip** 

October 14, 9 a.m.

Bring your own canoe and life jacket or a canoe can be furnished for you. 6-8 hour trip. Bring

lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

Contact: Andrea Shea Phone: 615-532-0439

Nashville, TN

Winter Botany at Smoky Mountain National Park

November 11, 10 a.m.

Ed Clebsch, retired Botany professor from the University of TN, will lead this trip. Bring lunch.

**Sponsor:** Tennessee Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Allen and Susan Swetser

**Phone:** 865-938-7627

#### **TEXAS**

Zilker Garden, Austin, TX

**Using Plant Oils for Nontoxic Cleaning** 

March 8, 7 p.m.

**Sponsor:** The Central Texas Association of Wild Plant

Studies

**Contact:** Sirpa Harms **Phone:** 512-444-7927

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Wildflower Days

March 11

Artisans Festival. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Artists Lovita Irby and Dee Phillips exhibit their works. 12 noon-4 p.m.: Meet Betty Spence, official artist for Wildflower Days 2000, and she'll sign your Wildflower Days art print and T-shirt. Also chat with Denise Kornylak, showing her beautiful photographic notecards all day. 1 p.m.-4 p.m.: The sound of music: Meet talented composer Robert Stiles, creator of the musical CD, "Wildflowers."

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Performing Arts Auditorium, Palo Alto College,

San Antonio, TX

People, Quail, and Land

March 11

Sponsored by Bexar Audubon Society, in conjunction with the 101st Anniversary of Audubon in Texas and Annual Awards Dinner sponsored by the Texas Audubon Society. In this conference, we will consider the decline of the Northern Bobwhite and Scaled Quail. Both Texas Audubon Society and the National Audubon Society adopted resolutions in the fall of 1999 addressing the decline of North American quail species. North American quail species are sensitive indicators of the quality and availability of wildlife habitats. In addition, the hunting of quail is of considerable economic benefit to rural areas, and the decline of quail would be economically harmful in these areas. We will offer strategies and discuss incentives for brush management to improve the health of watersheds and improve grazing. We will consider the trends in nature tourism and what assistance is available to attract this source of income. Limited student scholarship funding available. Please inquire.

Fee: \$40 members; \$45 non-members (includes mem-

bership)

**Contact:** Susan Hughes or Tatjana Walker

**Phone:** 210-532-2332 **Fax:** 210-532-2023

**E-mail:** susan@wordwright.com or

tatjana@wordwright.com

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve, Austin, TX Spring Wildflower Photography Workshop

March 11, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Registration required.

Fee: \$45 members; \$50 non-members

**Phone:** 512-327-7622

**Honey Creek Canyon Hike** 

March 11

Honey Creek Canyon hike with the Central TX Association of Wild Plant Studies.

**Contact:** Sirpa Harms **Phone:** 512-444-7927

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX

Wildflower Days: Artisans Festival *March 11 & 12, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.* 

Wildflower Days Celebrating Communities: The

Places Where We Grow. March marks the first of our series of 5 events part of Wildflower Days. This year's festivals include a wide array of fun, educational events that celebrate our communities with spring's wildflowers as our backdrop.

Sponsor: Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

Contact: Julie Huls Phone: 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Children's Programs: Artisans Festival "Patterns in Nature"

March 11-12

Why is the bee's honeycomb always perfect, what causes water to ripple, why are a ladybug's spots in the right place? Nature has created patterns that are not only beautiful, but purposeful as well. Come view the patterns in our garden!

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

# Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Wildflower Days

March 12

Artisans Festival. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.: Dephanie Cates shows her stunning photographic work. 12 noon-4 p.m.: Meet Betty Spence, this year's official Wildflower Days artist. Rose Baxter, another gifted Austin artist, appears with Wildflower Center trays, trivets, and place mats produced by Pimpernel International. Natalie Rupert is here with the new book, Austin's Best, illustrated by Linda Dumont.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

# Omni Houston Hotel in Houston, TX Celebrating the American Gardener *March 16-18*

The American Horticultural Society educates and inspires people of all ages to become successful and environmentally responsible gardeners with a program including tours, educational sessions and formal banquet and awards ceremony.

**Phone:** 800-777-7931

Website: www.ahs.org

Alamo, TX

**Alamo Area Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists** spring classes

March 16-May 18, 4:30 p.m.- 9 p.m.

Website: www.ci.sat.tx.us/sapar/matnat.htm

Austin, TX

Field trip to Hornsby Bend

March 18, 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

Meet with the Travis Audubon Society. No sign-up needed. Meet in the parking lot at the visitors' center (building to the right, near entrance) of Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Facility, on Highway 973 on the east side of Austin.

**Contact:** Gail Simons

E-mail: lsimons@inetport.com

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX How to Attract Spring Butterflies to Your Home *March 18, 1 p.m.* 

Join Taylor Maddux of the Austin Butterfly forum for an engaging discussion of butterflies and butterfly plants for the spring garden.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Wildlife Weekend at Wild Ideas: The Store!

March 18

12 noon-4 p.m.: Artist John P. O'Neill autographs Great Texas Birds. Snakes Alive! Author Allan Tennant signs his highly informative books on snakes. John Jackman and Bart Drees sign the new A Field Guide to Common Texas Insects. Also, Taylor Maddux presents his butterfly lecture at 1 p.m. All butterfly books and gifts reduced 10% for the weekend.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Selah Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, TX Workshop on Hill Country Land Stewardship March 18, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

A day at the Ranch with emphasis on "steward-

ship" for the large or small landowner, or anyone considering buying land, who wants to know how to improve land for all plant and animal species. Including: cedar management, water, grasses, tree planting, managing land for wildlife, etc.

Contact: Selah, Bamberger Ranch

**Phone:** 830-868-7303

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Children's Program: "Beautiful Butterflies"

March 18-19

Can you tell the difference between a butterfly and a moth? Why are a butterfly's wings so colorful? What kind of butterfly can you design and create? Become a butterfly when you make a mask!

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Winedale, TX

Winedale Spring Festival and Texas Crafts Exhibition

March 18-19

**Phone:** 409-278-3530

E-mail: g.jaster@mail.utexas.edu

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Wildlife Weekend at Wild Ideas: The Store *March 19* 

Meet our friends from the National Wildlife Federation and learn about their good work, especially backyard habitats; Steve Schwartzman is here with his new CD-ROM: "Austin & Vicinity: The World of Nature," 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Informal lunchtime modeling of spring apparel and accessories at the Wildflower Caf.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Austin, TX

**Austin NPSOT monthly meeting** 

March 21, 7:00 p.m.

Speaker: Pat McNeal, owner of McNeal Growers. Focus on plant communities. Pat McNeal will be discussing plants of the Texas streamside & riparian ecosystem. LCRA complex on Lake Austin Blvd., Room 217 of the Long Building, Austin, TX.

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of Texas

Austin, TX

**Austin NPSOT Field Trip** 

March 25, 10:00 a.m.

Focus on plant communities hike at St. Edwards

Park and the Bull Creek watershed.

Sponsor: Native Plant Society of Texas

Contact: David Heberling Phone: 512-477-8232

E-mail: heberNPSOT@aol.com

Lennox Woods Nature Conservancy Preserve, Ft.

Worth, TX Fieldtrip

March 25, 11:30 a.m.

Tour Lennox Woods' ecosystems

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Cross Timbers Master Naturalists

**Contact:** Jeff Quayle **Phone:** 817-738-1322

E-mail: prairies@tx.freei.net

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Wildflower Days - Children's Festival

March 25

10% off store coupon for every child attending! And each customer under 10 years old can play "Go Fish" (free gift with every purchase by a child) in our magic pond! 12 noon-4 p.m.: Jim Bones has been invited to discuss his seed ball video with children and adults. We'll also demonstrate how to paint your own T-shirt with our wildflower Paint-A-Kits.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Children's Festival: "Communities to Grow In" March 25-26

What is a community? How does a plant choose where to live? Learn about ecosystems as a community of plants, animals and people! Interact with the desert, prairie, wetland, and woodland communities of the Wildflower Center.

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Website: www.wildflower.org

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney, TX Birds, Blooms, and Buttterflies April 1

Bird and garden tour of the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary. Reservations required through the SMU School of Continuing Education.

**Phone:** 214-768-5376

DeWitt County Historical Museum, Cuero, TX Wildflower Specimen Exhibit April 1-30

Approximately 150 live specimen.

East Texas Wildflower Trail *April 1-May 31* 

The wildflower trail winds thoughout Rusk County. Itineraries have been established featuring the best roadways for viewing wildflowers, historic sites, museums, dining and shopping.

Contact: Tourism Department at Rusk County Cham-

ber of Commerce **Phone:** 903-657-5528

E-mail: tourism@ballistic.com

**Wildflower Group Tours** 

**April 3-15** 

Guides aboard your motor coach.

Contact: DeWitt County Wildflower Association

**Phone:** 361-275-9942

McAllen, TX Texas Tropics Nature Festival April 6-9 Planned field trips to Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and Bentsen State Park. Also, guided tours, seminars on cultural and natural history, migrating butterflies, trade show.

Phone: 877-MCALLEN E-mail: ttnf@mcalllen.org Website: www.mcallen.org

**Wildflower Excursion** 

April 8, 9 a.m.

Guided 3 hour bus tour with scenic stops.

Fee: \$3 adult; \$2 child

Contact: DeWitt County Wildflower Association

**Phone:** 361-275-9942

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney, TX

Flower Walk April 8, 9:30 a.m.

Guided wildflower walk over the 289 acre Wildlife

Sanctuary. Reservations required.

Sponsor: Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife

Sanctuary

**Phone:** 972-562-5566

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Spring Gardening Festival & Native Plant Sale April 8-9

Have you ever thought about creating your own backyard plant community? It's easy! Stop by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's Spring Gardening Festival & Native Plant Sale to learn more about plant communities: what makes them work, and how they can work for you and the other inhabitants of your yard, too. Come enjoy the lectures and demonstrations, then begin integrating native plant species into your own backyard. The Wildflower Center's greenhouses and growing areas are filled with Central Texas' most varied native plant inventory, and they are all for sale during this twice-yearly festival.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney, TX 11th Annual Native Plant Festival April 14-16; 14th (members only) 4 p.m.-7 p.m., 15th 9 a.m.-6 p.m., 16th 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

More than 17,000 native plants for sale with experts on hand to provide planting information.

Sponsor: Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife

Sanctuary

**Phone:** 972-562-5566

Wills Point Chamber of Commerce, Wills Point,

TX

7th Annual Bluebird Festival

April 14-15

Driving tours, arts and crafts, games and food, and

educational booths.

**Phone:** 800-WP-BLUBIRD

Website: www.flash.net/~junctions/festival.htm

Corpus Christi & Port Aransas, TX Guided Birding Trip to Port Aransas and Corpus Christi

April 15-16

Contact: Austin Nature and Science Center

**Phone:** 512-327-8181

Austin, TX

**Austin NPSOT chapter meeting** 

April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Focus on plant communities the prairie community with Lee Stone. Lee Stone, of the Native Prairie Association of Texas (NPAT), discusses the seasons of the prairie plant community. NPAT is the only Texas organization that focuses on prairie preservation and management.

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of Texas

Contact: David Heberling Phone: 512-477-8232

E-mail: heberNPSOT@aol.com

Austin, TX

**Focus on Plant Communities** 

April 22, 8:30 a.m.

Hikes at prairie remnants around Austin.

**Sponsor:** Native Plant Society of Texas

**Contact:** David Heberling **Phone:** 512-477-8232

E-mail: heberNPSOT@aol.com

Selah Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, TX

**Workshop on Water** 

April 22, 8:30 a.m.-4:40 p.m.; repeated October 7 How to Get Water on Your Land Without Drilling. A one-day outdoor workshop with ranch personnel.

Contact: Selah, Bamberger Ranch

**Phone:** 830-868-7303

Clute, TX

7th Annual Migration Celebration, Lake Jackson

April 27-30

Field trips include tours to Brazoria, Big Boggy, and San Bernard national wildlife refuges, Peach Point Wildlife Management Area, five county parks, and 20 miles of Gulf Coast beaches.

Contact: Southern Brazoria County Visitor and

Convention Bureau **Phone:** 800-938-4853.

Arbor Hills Nature Preserve, Plano, TX 2nd Annual Earth Day Celebration

April 29, 12 noon-6 p.m.

Contact: Renee Burke Brown, City of Plano Urban

Forester

**Phone:** 972-941-7168 Ext. 941

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Ethnobotany Festival: Plants & People in Communities

April 29-30

People and plants have always been intertwined. In Central Texas, and all over the world, people have ventured into the native plant communities to collect resources. Plants have been used in myriad ways--to make baskets, paper, and canoes; to create dyes and blankets; to make poultices, medicines, and even dinner; to make cosmetics and soaps; and to weave fabrics. At the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center's first annual Ethnobotany Festival, the Wildflower Center, the American Botanical Council, and the Herb Society will join forces to lead visitors through an exploration of the ways we depend on the native plant world.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney, TX

4th Annual Herb Sale

April 29-30

**Sponsor:** Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife

Sanctuary

**Phone:** 972-562-5566

Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary, McKinney, TX

**Bird Walk** 

April 29, 7:30 a.m.

Guided bird walk over 289 acre Wildlife Sanctuary. Reservations required.

Sponsor: Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife

Sanctuary

**Phone:** 972-562-5566

Coleto Park, Yorktown, TX Wildflower Slide Show and Guided Stroll April 30, 3 p.m.

Website: www.cuero.org/wildflowers/index.shtml

Harrington Regional Medical Center, Amarillo, TX Gardenfest 2000

May 6, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Will be a showcase for landscaping, gardening, and gardens. Organized by Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Texas A + M Master Gardeners and Native Plant Society.

**Contact:** Amarillo Botanical Gardens

**Phone:** 352-6513

Dallas, TX

1st Annual Walk in the White Rock Prairie May 6, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Bath House and Flag Pole Hill** 

Sponsors: City of Dallas, Friends of White Rock Lake,

North Texas Master Naturalists

Contact: Becky Rader Phone: 214-320-1848

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Photo Festival

May 6-7

Although we admit to being terribly biased about native plants, there are few things as beautiful in the world as Central Texas' wildflowers in bloom. The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center Photo Festival can help local photographers, both amateur and professional, capture these beauties on film. Learn from Central Texas' most accomplished nature "shooters" about lights, cameras, film, and action when the subject is wildflowers, other native plants, and plant communities. Their tips will help you preserve that perfect day.

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Selah Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, TX

Wildflowers Field Day

May 7, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

A morning outdoors in the fields and woods around Selah identifying and photographing wildflowers.

Fee: \$15 person

Contact: Selah, Bamberger Ranch

**Phone:** 830-868-7303

Stella Rowan Remnant Prairie, Ft. Worth, TX Wildflower Walks at the Stella Rowan Remnant

**Prairie** 

May 7, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Tour of Grand Prairie ecosystems's habitats at the Stella Rowan Remnant Prairie.

Fee: Free

**Sponsors:** Cross Timbers Master Naturalists, Native

Plant Society of Texas Contact: Jeff Quayle Phone: 817-738-1322

E-mail: prairies@tx.freei.net

Hilton Austin North and Towers, Austin, TX
The Southwest Focus Ground Water Conference

May 17-18

Major Topics to be discussed will be: Senate Bill 1:
"Driven By Drought - Roadmap for the Future"
including the pressing water supply planning
agenda. AND "Water Quality Issues Associate with
Drinking Water" including Arsenic in Drinking
Water, Water Quality Impacts from Overpumping,
Atrazine Monitoring, Borehole Geophysics for
Determining Water Quality and Landfills and
Litigation. For more information on the conference, to receive a brochure or to receive registration materials, please call.

Contact: Ric Jensen
Phone: 800-551-7379
E-mail: rjensen@tamu.edu

Website: www.ngwa.org/education

Selah Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, TX Workshop on Trees and Shrubs - Identification and Management

May 21, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. - repeated October 28

Learn how to identify trees and shrubs using the leaf form and leaf attachment as key characteristics.

Contact: Selah, Bamberger Ranch

**Phone:** 830-868-7303

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Camp Wildflower at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

June 6-8; June 13-15; June 20-22 July 11-13; July

18-20; July 25-27

Come join us for fun-filled educational activities during Camp Wildflower at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Our theme this year is "Habitat". Children will discover how native plants relate to their communities and to people through outdoor activities, hikes, experiments, games, and crafts. Topics to be explored include: "Wet n' Wild," "Wonder of Woodlands," and "Little House on the Prairie". Sprouts (4-6 yrs. old): June 6-8; June 13-15; June 20-22 Saplings (7-9 yrs. old): July 11-13; July 18-20; and July 25-27 (10-12 yr. olds)

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200 Ext. 107 **Website:** www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: MoKan Prairie Lecture June 10, 1 p.m.

MoKan Prairie Lecture with Lee Stone. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Botanical Drawing

June 17, 10 a.m.

Botanical Drawing with Mary Curtis. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX

Public Program: Medicinal Plants Workshop

June 17, 9 a.m.

Medicinal Plants Workshop Ellen Zimmermann. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

**Fee:** Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Cactus Talk

June 24, 1 p.m.

Cactus Talk with Bob Barth. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Botanical Drawing

June 28, 10 a.m.

**Botanical Drawing with Mary Curtis. Programs** are lectures unless otherwise noted.

**Fee:** Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Insects of Texas

July 1, 1 p.m.

Insects of Texas with John Jackman. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX 2000 Annual Texas Prairies and Savannahs Conference: Making a Living on Native Grasslands

July 7-9

July 8 topics include Grazing Management by Society for Range Management and Holistic Resource Management; Managing and Restoring Native Hay Meadows and Native Pastures for Profit and Diversity; "Flowers" in the Soil: The Soil Fungi; Panel Discussion: Shifting to Wildlife Income: What to Plant; Availability of Native Local Ecotype Seeds, Contract Harvesting and Growing; Economics of Bison Production; Cedar Control for Better Rainfall Infiltration; Soil Health: Dung Beetles; Quail Management; Income from Nature Tourism; Wildlife Tax Valuations. July 9 has ranch field trips. Special workshops for an additional fee on June 7 will include Prescription Burning; Conservation Easements; Prairie Reconstruction; Grass ID; Prairie Gardening. Pre-registration required for all events.

**Fee:** \$65 by June 30 (includes 5 p.m. Friday evening social/buffet and ranch field trip); \$75 after June 30 (not including social/buffet and field trip transportation not guaranteed); Call for information about fees for special workshops on June 7

**Sponsor:** Native Prairies Association of Texas, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Lower Colorado River Authority, San Antonio Water System, and several other resource conservation organizations

Contact: Lee Stone Phone: 512-476-1663

E-mail: leeprairie@austin.rr.com

## Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Xeriscape Lecture

July 8, 1 p.m.

Xeriscape Lecture with Dick Peterson. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

# Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Pepper Party

July 15-16, All day

Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

## Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX

**Public Program: Papermaking** 

July 19, 6:30 p.m.

Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

**Fee:** Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

## Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: CD Rom Field Guide

July 22, 1 p.m.

CD Rom Field Guide with Damon Waitt. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

# Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Paleobotany

July 29, 1 p.m.

Paleobotany with Garland Upchurch. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

**Fee:** Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

# Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Composting

August 5, 1 p.m.

Composting wiht Malcolm Beck. Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

# Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX Public Program: Papermaking

August 9, 10 a.m.

Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

**Fee:** Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX

**Public Program: Water Harvesting** 

August 12, 1 p.m.

Water Harvesting Workshop with Dick Peterson.

**Fee:** Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

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**Public Program: Bee Blast** 

August 19-20, All day

Programs are lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Austin, TX

**Public Program: Horn Lizard** 

August 26, 1 p.m.

Horn Lizard with Clare Freeman. Programs are

lectures unless otherwise noted.

Fee: Free with admission

**Sponsor:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center **Contact:** Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center

**Phone:** 512-292-4200

Website: www.wildflower.org

**Selah Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, TX Workshop on Grasses - Range Management and** 

Conservation

October 14, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

A one-day outdoor workshop. We will be examin-

 $ing\ different\ range sites\ and\ ecological\ niches.$ 

Hands-on collecting. Fee: \$80 includes lunch

**Contact:** Selah, Bamberger Ranch

**Phone:** 830-868-7303

South Padre Island, TX

**North American Association for Environmental** 

**Education (NAAEE) 2** 

**October 17-21** 

**Spanning Cultural and Ecological Diversity Through Environmental Education.** 

Contact: Brenda Weiser or Barb Eager Phone: 281-283-3960 or 706-764-2926

E-mail: weiser@cl.uh.edu

Selah Bamberger Ranch, Johnson City, TX

Advanced Grasses Field Day October 21, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Class will reinforce grasses learned in Grasses Workshop and provide opportunity to learn new

ones.

Fee: \$60 includes lunch

Contact: Selah, Bamberger Ranch

**Phone:** 830-868-7303

## **UTAH**

Snow College South, Richfield, UT

**Natural Resources Festival** 

May 5-6, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Educational exhibits in the areas of ecology, biol-

ogy, zoology, geology, etc.

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Bureau of Land Management, USDA Forest

Service

Contact: Lori Armstrong Phone: 435-896-1500

#### VERMONT

No events listed at this time.

### **VIRGINIA**

Francis Land House, Virginia Beach, VA

**Native Plant Sale** 

March 25, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Contact: Vickie Shufer Phone: 757-421-3929 E-mail: wildfood@infi.net

Website: www.pilot.infi.net/~wildfood

Metz Wetland, Leesylvania State Park, VA

Wetland Ecology

April 30, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bill Sipple, wetland ecologist and author, introduces participants to selected physical, chemical and biological aspects of tidal and non-tidal wetlands in Northern Virginia. Discussions and field observations help us understand wetlands and their

dynami roles from an ecological/landscape context. Participants gain understanding of the four generic wetland types, some characteristic flora and fauna, successional processes and pertinent aspects relating to wetland functions and values. Registration Required.

**Fee:** \$30

**Sponsors:** Prince William Wildflower Society, Prince William Natural Resources Council, Nature's Wonder World with support from Wetland Studies and Solu-

tions. Inc.

Contact: Nature's Wonder World

**Phone:** 703-490-0455

### Augusta County, VA

Field trip to Folly Mills Creek Fen Natural Area **Preserve Forest** 

April 30, 1:30 p.m.

Meet in the parking lot of the Staunton Mall near JC Penney's to carpool and enjoy a tour of this unique native plant community.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: Virginia Native Plant Society--Shenandoah

Chapter

Contact: Carol Gardner **Phone:** 540-828-2807

E-mail: w-cgardner@rica.net

## Roaring Run Historic Site, VA 5th Annual Roaring Run Wildflower Hike

May 6, 9 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

The 1.5 mile gentle hike up to cascading Roaring Run Falls allows the wildflower enthusiast to view spring ephemerlas prior to complete leaf out of the tree canopy. Over 150 native and naturalized plants have been documented along this trail. Each participant is provided wiith a list of plants of this area.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Ed Haverlack **Phone:** 540-962-2214

Website: www.fs.fed.us/gwjnf

## Virginia Living Museum, Newport News, VA Wildflower Sale

May 6, 7, 13 & 14; Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays 12 noon-3 p.m.

Over 50 species of native plants for sale - perennials, ferns, shrubs & trees, plus wildflower seeds. All plants propagated by museum staff & volunteers

and Virginia Native Plant Society members. Proceeds benefit museum & society educational programs.

Fee: Free

**Sponsors:** Virginia Living Museum, John Clayton Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society

**Contact:** Janis Miller **Phone:** 757-595-1900

Website: www.valivingmuseum.org

## Wintergreen Resort, Blue Ridge Mountains, VA 17th Annual Spring Wildflower Symposium May 12-14

This weekend-long event is held each year. Participants in the symposium will create their own schedule of guided hikes, workshops, and lectures from over 50 offerings. There are opportunities for learning plant identification, forest ecology, wildflower gardening, propagation, and photography from some of the region's best naturalists and educators.

**Sponsor:** Wintergreen Nature Foundation

E-mail: wtgnf@aol.com Website: www.twnf.org

## Augusta County, VA

Field trip to Maple Flats in the George Washington **National Forest** 

May 13

Enjoy a tour of this unique native plant community.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: Virginia Native Plant Society--Shenandoah

Contact: Carol Gardner **Phone:** 540-828-2807

E-mail: w-cgardner@rica.net

## Shenandoah National Park, Luray, VA Wildflower Weekend

May 13-14

Wildflower walks, hikes, slide programs and workshops throughout the park, all day long, both days. Variety of programs led by park rangers and volunteer wildflower experts. Programs are free., but visitors pay regular park entrance of \$10. Call to be put on the mailing list for a free "Wildflower Weekend" program flyer.

**Fee:** \$10

**Contact:** Mara Meisel

**Phone:** 540-999-3500

E-mail: Mara\_Meisel@nps.gov

Waynesboro, VA

Waynesboro Riverfest

May 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Celebrate the South River in Waynesboro. Educational booths and a native plant sale will be featured.

Fee: Free

**Sponsor:** Waynesboro Chamber of Commerce **Contact:** (for the native plant sale) Kary Phillips

Phone: 540-828-3436 E-mail: karyron@rica.net

Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, VA Our Beautiful Native Flora: Ecology and Field Identification

June 17-18, 9 a.m.-4:40 p.m.

Designed to help the student understand native plant communities and how they pertain to field botany, this session begins with an explanation of the basic concepts of plant communities.

**Fee:** \$90

Contact: Laura Covert Phone: 804-325-8172 E-mail: Wtgnf@aol.com Website: www.twnf.org

Elkton, VA

Field trip to Kite's Spring and Merck Swamp *June 24*, 8:45 a.m.

Enjoy a tour of these unique native plant communities, one of which is soon to be turned into a golf course.

Fee: Free

Sponsor: Virginia Native Plant Society--Shenandoah

Chapter

Contact: Carol Gardner Phone: 540-828-2807

E-mail: w-cgardner@rica.net

## WASHINGTON

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA
Colville National Forest Wildflower Hikes
Wildflower hikes are offered throughout the
Colville National Forest in northeastern Washington. Call or write for schedule and other information.

**Contact:** Kathy Ahlenslager **Phone:** 509-684-7178

**E-mail:** Ahlenslager\_Kathleen\_E/

r6pnw\_colville@fs.fed.us

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Cruising the Spring Bloom: A Wildflower Weekend Onboard the Snow Goose

April 21-22

Feast your eyes on spring wildflowers splashed across the northern San Juan Islands. Join botanist Joe Arnett onboard the 65' Snow Goose as we travel north through Hales Passage to Sucia Island. On shore, we'll walk forested and exposed trails in search of early blooms, including native orchids and camas lilis. In the evening we can explore Sucia's beautiful beaches on foot and by kayak. On Saturday (weather permitting) we will cruise to Patos Island and hike to an open meadow overlooking the islands, then wind our way along the coast of Lummi Island in search of wildlife. One credit/12 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$295, includes boat charter, onboard

accomodations and all meals.

Contact: North Cascades Institute

Phone: 360-856-5700 Ext. 209

E-mail: nci@ncascades.org
Website: www.ncascades.org

April 29, 9 a.m.

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Lower Wolf Trail

Trail Difficulty Rating--Easiest. Starting at the ranger station in Newport we will walk down the road, past a variety of wildflowers, to the Lower Wolf Trailhead. Ecologist Teresa Catlin will take you on a journey through the life of a forest, from baby trees to elderly giants. Forests from open and sunny to shady and cool will allow you see what plants and flowers grow in different forest life stages and habitats. Total hiking distance is 3 miles. Meet Teresa at the Newport Ranger District office at 9:00 a.m. then walk to the trailhead. Bring water, snacks, camera and rain gear. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower

Fee: Free

books are also recommended.

**Sponsors:** U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

**Contact:** Newport Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-447-7300

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Wild Edibles of the Puget Lowlands April 29-30

Fern fritters for breakfast? Nettle lasagna for supper? Spend a weekend at this self-sufficient underground home with instructors Marlee Osterbauer & Chris Soler and forage a wild edible feast. Learn to identify and collect food plants in their natural habitats and use them in delicious recipes. Explore diverse habitats from rocky shores to elegant madrone woodlands. Wander among early spring wildflowers and sample delectable culinary treats. We'll camp on the instructors' land near Bow. 12 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$150.

Contact: North Cascades Institute Phone: 360-856-5700 Ext. 209 E-mail: nci@ncascades.org Website: www.ncascades.org

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Big Meadow Lake Bird and Plant Walk May 6, 7 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--Easiest. Nothing represents spring as much as birdsongs and the new green of young plants. Join wildlife biologists Scott Price and Sandy Mosconi for an easy three-mile walk around the wetland downstream from Big Meadow Lake. We will walk through upland the forest, passing through openings and overlooking the wetlands and lake. The diversity of habitats is matched by a variety of migratory and resident birds and other wildlife and plants that are adapted to wetland, meadow and forest environments. Meet at the Colville Ranger District at 7:00 a.m. to carpool or you can camp out at Big Meadow Lake and meet the carpool group at about 8:30 a.m. We will all first gather at the top of the old fire lookout/viewing platform at about 8:30 a.m. or slightly later and spend some time looking and listening for birds at the top of the lookout tower before taking our walk. Bring your lunch and jackets in case the weather is wet or cold. Don't forget binoculars, if you have them. Big Meadow Lake is on the Meadow Creek Road between Aladdin Highway and Ione.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

**Contact:** Colville Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-684-7000

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Life in the Tree-Tops: Forest Canopy Ecology

May 7-8

One of the last biological frontiers, the forest canopy, has been difficult to study -- until now! Researchers are using new technologies and skills to investigate the crowning mysteries of the forest. Current research tools and techniques include satellite and air photo interpretation, towers, cranges, platforms, and tree climing. Dr. Dave Braun instructs the class which offers participants a taste of this exciting work in temperate coniferous forests. Learn about canopy science and technology, forest insect ecology and how different forest canopies (such as riparian zones, old growth and second growth) influence forest ecosystem function. You've seen it in National Geographic and Audubon magazines, now experience it for yourself -- ride the Wind River Forest Canopy Research Crane into the treetops! We'll camp at a USFS campground. One credit/12 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$175.

Contact: North Cascades Institute Phone: 360-856-5700 Ext. 209 E-mail: nci@ncascades.org Website: www.ncascades.org

Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge, WA Lake McDowell Bird Walk

May 13, 7 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--Easiest. Start your day with the birds and Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge staff on a 2.5-mile walk at Lake McDowell. We should see Canada geese broods, osprey, eagles, hooded mergansers, painted turtles and beavers. We may hear warblers and vireos. Meet at 7 a.m. at the Refuge headquarters (from Colville, go east on Highway 20 for 6 miles, turn right onto Artman-Gibson Road, after 1.7 miles, turn left onto Kitt-Narcisse Road and follow it 2.2 miles to a "Y" in the dirt road, take the right fork onto Bear Creek and drive 3.3 miles). Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable

weather, bring rain-gear. The number of people on the walk is limited. Please call and sign-up ahead of time.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

Contact: Little Pend Oreille National Wildlife Refuge

**Phone:** 509-684-8384

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Elk Creek Trail Bird Walk May 13. 8 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--More Difficult. Mike Borysewicz, wildlife biologist, will host an interpretive hike up the Elk Creek Trail to celebrate International Migratory Bird Day. Gather at the Mill Pond Historic Site for the 8 a.m. 2-mile walk through open brush fields burned for elk winter range improvement in 1988. The walk includes shady forest stretches, a spectacular cascading waterfall on Elk Creek and views of Mill Pond below. Most birds in a forested setting are difficult to see, so we'll identify them by their calls and songs, such as the tin trumpet sound of redbreasted nuthatches and cat-like mewing of rufoussided towhees. Also expect to see or hear, chickadees, sparrows, vireos, tanagers, bluebirds, woodpeckers and many more. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring

Fee: Free

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rain-gear. The number of people on the walk is

limited. Please call and sign-up ahead of time.

Service

**Contact:** Sullivan Lake Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-446-7500

Ski Hill, Leavenworth, WA
Wildflower Walk
May 20 & 27, 10 a.m.-12 noon
The Wildflower Walk at Ski Hill area in
Leavenworth on the east side of the Cascade
Mountains will feature Ponderosa pine and Douglas fir forest with open meadow and small riparian area. Presentation to include discussion of dry site strategy and need for thinning as well as evryone's favorite topic, the invasion of noxious weeds.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Joan Frazee

**Phone:** 509-548-6977 Ext. 214

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Elk Creek Trail Wildflower Walk

May 20, 10 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--More Difficult. Join wildlife biologist Tim Bertram for views of Mill Pond, an elk spring grazing area, a gushing waterfall and a wildflower meadow on this delightful two-mile loop trail. Meet at the Elk Creek Trailhead within the Mill Pond Historic Site about 5 miles east of Metaline Falls on County Road 9345 at 10 a.m. Bring a lunch and enjoy spectacular views from the meadow at the half-way point. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, and drinking water are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring rain-gear.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

Contact: Sullivan Lake Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-446-7500

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Wildflowers of Sagebrush Country: Plant Taxonomy & Ecology

May 20-21

Celebrate spring amid the wildflowers of the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve and surrounding area of south-central Washington with instructor Mark Darrach. Investigate rare plant species and explore the ecology of loess soil, lithosol and stabilized sand dune communities in the shadow of Rattlesnake Mountain. Your instructor will simplify plant anatomy and translate the always challenging "technical botanese" as you learn about the character and ecological durability of native and nonnative plant associations. We'll camp at a reserved, primitive site near the Arid Lands Ecology Reserve. One credit/12 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$145.

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North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA 9th Annual Spring Naturalists Retreat at Sun **Mountain Lodge** 

May 21-24

Join leading Northwestern naturalists on this annual pilgrimage to the canyons, mountains, pine forests, meadows, beaver ponds, and riparian areas of the Methow Valley. Sun Mountain Lodge, located atop 2000 acres of rolling hills, is surrounded by views of the North Cascades and the Methow Valley. Learn about the natural history, behavior, ecology and identifying characteristics of breeding birds, wildflowers and butterflies. Feast your eyes on color-splashed meadows -- brilliant blues of spring azures, lupines and Lazuli buntings; delicate pinks of shooting stars and bitterroot; dazzling yellows of balsamroot and Western tiger swallowtails; fiery reds of Indian paintbrush and Western tanagers; and the soft white of chokecherry, service berry and Sara's orangetip. Awaken to birdsong, wander through fragrant sagebrush, then soak in a hot tub beneath the stars before drifting off to a restful sleep. As spring unfolds in this spectacular valley, we'll spend our days outdoors, examining the interrelationships of flora, fauna and landscape. Instructors include Dr. Art Kruckeberg, Dr. Robert Michael Pyle, Saul Weisberg, MS and Libby Mills. Tuition includes accommodations and lunches. Two credit hours/24 clock hours available.

**Fee:** Tuition fees vary.

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Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Sherman Overlook Trail

June 10, 9:30 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--Easiest. Meet at Sherman Overlook, about one-half mile east of Sherman Pass on State Highway 20 at 9:30 a.m. Silviculturist Tom Pawley will lead a walk around the quarter-mile barrier-free accessible trial, stopping frequently to discuss trees and shrubs of the area, as well as the fire history of the Sherman Creek water-shed. Note: this trail is accessible to wheelchairs. Let's hope for good weather! Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, and drinking water are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

**Contact:** Kettle Falls Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-738-6111

Darrington, Darrington, WA Darrington Wildflower Festival

June 17-18; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-4

p.m. Sunday

This is the annual festival in the small town of Darrington to celebrate primarily native plants, and secondarily, Native crats. There are native plant walks, lectures, and slideshows; food booths, arts and crafts of all kinds, and a quilt show.

Fee: Free

Contact: U.S. Forest Service

**Phone:** 360-436-1155

Thirtymile Meadows, Okanogan National Forest, WA

**Hummock Wetland Workshop** 

June 23-25

The workshop will visit the seldom seen world of the sub-boreal north, replete with mysterious earth hummocks, tussock bogs and misty, moosey fens. Learn about the soils, botany, hydrology and glaciation ecology of boreal peatlands, including a colorful cast of moonworts, willows, huckleberries, sedges, and gentians.

**Fee:** \$20 deposit refunded on the day of the event **Sponsor:** Washington Native Plant Society Okanogan

Chapter

Contact: George Wooten Phone: 509-996-3835

Website: www.methow.com/~gwooten/

outreach.htm#hummock

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Grassy Top Wildflower Walk

June 24, 9 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--More Difficult. Join wildlife biologist Tim Bertram for a hike in grizzly bear and mountain caribou recovery habitat. The trail winds through Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir forest to the beautiful meadow at Grassy Top Mountain. Here we will stop for a lunch break, enjoy the vistas and identify wildflowers. The round trip distance is about 6 miles. Meet at the Sullivan Lake Ranger Station at 9 a.m. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wild-

flower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring rain-gear. The number of people on the walk is limited. Please call and signup ahead of time.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

**Contact:** Sullivan Lake Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-446-7500

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Salt Marshes, Backshores, Dunes & Wetlands July 7-9

Discover the fascinating places where land and sea mingle, creating unique ecological communities that teem with diverse lifeforms. Join noted biologist Dr. Eugene Kozloff as he shares his knowledge of the physical and biological characteristics of these habitats and the common plants and animals that inhabit them. Observe the interdependent relationships that are the core of a healthy ecosystem. A slideshow on Friday evening will set the stage for field exploration in and around Deception Pass. We'll camp in a reserved site at Deception Pass State Park. One credit/15 clock hours available.

**Fee:** Tuition \$155.

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Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Exploring Changing Forest Landscapes July 8, 8 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--Most difficult. Join us for a casual off-trail half-day walk and talk with two foresters through an open dry forest south of Chewelah Mountain to investigate the ecology of this dynamic landscape. The hike will take us up a forested hillside to explore how the forces of nature shape vegetation patterns across ecosystems. Meet at the Colville Ranger District at 8:00 a.m. to carpool or at the Chewelah City Park at 9:00 a.m. Please bring drinking water and a lunch. Wear appropriate shoes and clothing to "bushwhack" through the forest. Binoculars, cameras and wild-flower books are also recommended.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

**Contact:** Colville Ranger District

**Phone:** 509-684-7000

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Tenmile Trail Fire Ecology Walk July 9, 9:30 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating: More Difficult. Join Fire Management Officer Karrie Stevens on a hike along Tenmile creek. During the walk we will travel through a fire dependent ecosystem and view both the 1996 Tenmile wildfire and the 1999 Brown Mountain prescribed fire. We will meet at the Tenmile Campground and Trailhead (about 10 miles south of Republic on Hwy 21) at 9:30 a.m. Plan on hiking about 5 miles round-trip. Lunch will be at a viewpoint above the Sanpoil River. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring rain-gear.

Fee: Free

**Sponsors:** U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

**Contact:** Republic Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-775-3305

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Land Above the Trees: Alpine Ecology of the

Pacific Coast July 14-16

Join Shelley Weisberg, an outstanding biologist and naturalist, on an exploration of plant and animal communities in breathtaking mountain meadows near Harts Pass. Wander along alpine trails during what just might be the peak of summer's bloom and discover ecological patterns that tell the stories of this fragile alpine world. As we hike through a variety of habitats, we'll identify flora and fauna, examine characteristics and adaptive strategies of alpine and subalpine plant and animal communities and investigate the causes of timberline. We'll also look closely at butterflies, learn about pollination strategies and the correlation between insect behavior and floral structure. We'll camp at a USFS campground at Harts Pass. One credit/18 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$165.

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Website: www.ncascades.org

Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Hall Mountain Wildflower Walk

July 15, 9 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--More Difficult. Biologist
Tim Bertram will celebrate wildflowers with a hike
to the top of Hall Mountain to look at forested and
non-forested plant communities. Bighorn sheep
may also be observed. We will meet at the Sullivan
Lake Ranger Station (about 7 miles east of
Metaline Falls, Washington) at 9 a.m. and carpool
to the trailhead. Plan on hiking about 4 miles
round-trip. Lunch will be at the top at the site of an
old fire lookout. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes,
drinking water, and lunch are recommended.
Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also
recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring
rain-gear. The number of people on the walk is
limited. Please call and sign-up ahead of time.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

Contact: Sullivan Lake Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-446-7500

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Biology Backpack: A Botanical Extravaganza July 17-22

Spend a week exploring spectacular backcountry from the Methow River headwaters to the Cascade Crest and Snowy Lakes. We'll attempt to identify every flowering plant we encounter, while paying close attention to birds, bats, butterflies and other denizens of the wild with instructor Dana Visalli. Information that we gather along our way will contribute to federal and citizen efforts to catalog the biodiversity of the Methow watershed. To top off our trip, we'll traverse Swamp Creek, a trailless wonderland that contains several rare and some carnivorous plant species -- two good reasons to watch where we step! We'll leaven our evening plant keying sessions with songs and stories around the campfire. Wildflower photography is encouraged! Two credits/24 clock hours available. Please note: This is not an introductory backpacking course. Participants must be in good physical condition and have some backpacking experience. This class involves hiking with full packs, approximately 6 miles per day on moderately strenuous, high elevation trails.

Fee: Tuition \$195.

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North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Wild Edibles & Traditional Uses of Native Plants

July 22-23

Discover the contents of Nature's well-stocked pantry in meadows, pastures and woodlands along the mighty Skagit River. Native people relied on these stores to meet a variety of needs, including food, disease prevention and health maintenance. Join instructors Marlee Osterbauer & Becky Stinson to learn about traditional uses of native plants, as well as proper gathering, processing and storing techniques. Walk among early spring wildflowers and learn the basics of making your own tinctures and salves. Treat yourself to a delicious tri-berry torte (or curried cattails and sauteed grasshoppers!) and a unique blend of wild and tame salad fixings. We'll camp on private acreage bordering the Skagit River near Concrete. 12 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$150.

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North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Wildflowers of Harts Pass: A Landscape Perspective

July 28-30

Experience the high country around Harts Pass, where spectacular peaks and fragrant subalpine meadows beckon from all directions. We'll demystify the use of plant keys as we learn to identify wildflowes of the alpine summer with instructor Shelley Weisberg. Learn the basics of keying plants to gain a skill that can be used anywhere in the world! We will also become familiar with the ecology of these high, eastside meadows and their varied habitats as we hike the rolling ridges of the Cascade Crest. We'll camp at a USFS cammpground at Harts Pass. One credit/18 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$165.

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Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Sherman Creek Walk July 29, 9:30 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--Easiest. Berries will be ripe under the pine trees and cottonwoods of Sherman Creek. During the 2-mile long barrier-free accessible interpretive walk, we will look for huckleberries, raspberries, and other wild berries. We will talk about plants, fish, and wildlife. At the Log Flume Historical site, we will share some of the history of Sherman Creek. The walk begins and ends at the Log Flume site. The terrain is flat. Meet Karen Honeycutt, fisheries biologist, at the Kettle Falls Ranger Station at 9:30 a.m. or at the Log Flume Site on Highway 20 at 10:00 a.m. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring rain-gear.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

**Contact:** Forest Supervisor's Office

**Phone:** 509-684-7000

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Butterflies of the South Cascades with Robert Michael Pyle

**August 11-13** 

Discover a bevy of butterflies and the delightful hospitality of the Flying L Ranch, nestled at the foot of 12,307' Mt. Adams. We'll hike through mountain meadows and valleys in search of these winged wonders, while learning identification and non-threatening study techniques. Investigate butterfly ecology, behavior, anatomy, food plants and nectar sources. Spend some relaxing time observing these beautiful and interesting insects through binoculars as they forage, defend territories, bask, mate and lay eggs. All collecting will be catch and release. In the field and by the fireside, this is sure to be an unforgettable weekend! One credit/15 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition fees vary and include accomodations and

all meals at the Flying L Ranch.

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Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Head 'em up to Columbia Mountain *August 12, 9 a.m.* 

Trail Difficulty--Easiest. Saddle up your favorite pony and join range technician Lucy Pearce and wildlife biologist Sandy Lembcke for a day on the range. This guided 8-mile interpretive horseback ride to the top of Columbia Mountain will feature a visit to the site of an old Forest Service lookout, discussions of the unique plants and animals that live in the mountains, and panoramic vistas of the Kettle Range. Meet at the top of Sherman Pass (Highway 20) at the Kettle Crest Trailhead at 9:00 am. Don't forget to bring some grub and water...and a treat for the range dog, Lonely! For information call the number below. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes, drinking water, and lunch are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring rain-gear.

Fee: Free

**Sponsors:** U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

Contact: Republic Ranger Station

**Phone:** 509-775-3305

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Wildflowers of Mt. Adams with Art Kruckeberg August 20-22

The hills are alive -- and splashed with dazzling color! Join noted botanist Art Kruckeberg for an unforgettable wildflower weekend at the foot of glacier-laden Mt. Adams. Explore a variety of habitats, from the upper Klickitat River Basin and Big Lava Beds to the meadows on the southern slope. We'll spend full days in the field learning about the plant ecology of this unique area and searching for diverse species of wildflowers. At day's end, we'll gather at the Flying L Ranch for a relaxed evening of informal discussion and a review of our discoveries. One credit/15 clock hours available.

**Fee:** Tuition fees vary and include accommodations and all meals at the Flying L Ranch.

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Colville National Forest, Colville, WA Rogers Mountain to Mount Rogers

August 26, 8 a.m.

Trail Difficulty Rating--Most Difficult. Climb 5,775-foot high Rogers Mountain with botanist Kathy Ahlenslager and wildlife biologist Chris Loggers. Views abound on this hike from Rogers Mountain towards Mount Rogers. We'll hike through lodgepole pine and subalpine fir forests, rocky outcrops and subalpine meadows. Bring water, lunch, and raingear. Meet at the Colville Ranger Station at 8 a.m. to carpool to the trailhead about 25 miles northeast of Colville. We will shuttle high clearance vehicles between the beginning and end points of our 6.5-mile hike. Hiking boots or sturdy shoes are recommended. Binoculars, cameras and wildflower books are also recommended. Dress for variable weather, bring rain-gear. The number of people on the walk is limited. Please call and sign-up ahead of time.

Fee: Free

Sponsors: U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service

Contact: Supervisor's Office

**Phone:** 509-684-7178

North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Birds, Blooms, Butterflies & Bats: Designing a Habitat Garden

September 11-15

Imagine a vibrant, colorful wildlife garden in your own backyard -- a place where birds and butterflies find sanctuary and nourishment throughout the year -- where native plants and noninvasive, well-adapted nonnatives take root and thrive -- and where bats flit at dusk, sweeping mosquitos from the fragrant air. Come design your dream garden at this intensive planning seminar with instructor Jaynie Uerling. We'll explore the arboretum and natural areas around the University of Washington learning about behavior and habitat requirements of birds, blooms, butterflies and bats. With nature as our model, we'll learn the basic elements of landscape design and plant culture. Using photos and measurements of our own sites, we'll lay out

detailed plans for our own wildlife habitat gardens. Whether your goal is to create a serene refuge outside your door, a hands-on learning environment at your child's school or a container garden paradise on your urban deck, you will come away from this class with a valuable and personal planning tool. This class takes place at the University of Washington's Center for Urban Horticulture and does not include accomodations. 30 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$265.

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North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Ecology of Ancient Forests September 30-October 1

Ancient forests, and the controversies that surround them, are as much a part of Pacific Northwest landscapes as our nourishing rains. Discover the pieces of this complex puzzle in the remaining old growth forests of Whidbey Island. Examine the intricate interdependencies that weave these remarkable ecosystems together. Investigate forest ecology including nutrient cycles, beneficial and destructive insects, common plants and animals, important relationships with fungi, functions of soil and forest canopy and the effects of human disturbance with instructor Dr. Robert Van Pelt. We will stay at Cornet Bay ELC at Deception Pass State Park. One credit/12 clock hours available.

Fee: Tuition \$155 includes accomodations.

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North Cascades Institute, Sedro-Valley, WA Mycological Mysteries: Northwest Mushroom Ecology

October 27-29

Autumn rains nourish a proliferation of mushrooms in western Washington. Hundreds of species thrive in our moist, maritime climate, fulfilling vital roles in a variety of habitats and ecosystems. As we explore ancient forests, open meadows and shorelines of Whidbey Island, we'll learn about musroom biology, ecology and identification techniques with instructor Dr. Fred Rhoades. Although mushrooms are a source of both food and poison, this course will focus on habitats, interrelationships and microscopic study. This is an introductory seminar, although we welcome experienced mycologists. We will stay at Chinook Learning Center on Whidbey Island. One credit/15 clock hours available.

**Fee:** Tuition \$185 includes accommodations.

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## **WEST VIRGINIA**

Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center, Davis, WV

Using Native Plants in the Landscape: Issues and Opportunities

March 22 23, 7:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. March 22; 7:45

a.m.-3:30 p.m. March 23
This symposium is being

This symposium is being organized to build a network of information sharing between growing industries in the fields of riparian corridor restoration, critical area restoration, landscape design with native plants, propagation of native plants, and the availability of native plant stock and potential clients in government, industry, and the general public. A pre-conference workshop will be held March 21 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$65 registration for the conference; \$40 for

vendor booths.

Contact: Emily Grafton or Paula Wroden Phone: 304-866-4739 or 1-888-922-3601 E-mail: phworden@mail.canaanvi.org

Website: www.canaanvi.org

Core Arboretum West Virginia Univ. Dept. of

Biology, Morgantown, WV

Core Arboretum Public Wildflower Walks

April 16, 23 & 30, 2 p.m.

Guided Walks take about 2 hours to cover just over 1 mile, including some steep stretches of trail. See outstanding natural displays of spring ephererals in old-growth hardwood forest.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Jon Weems

**Phone:** 304-293-5201 Ext. 2547

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### WISCONSIN

Schlitz Audubon Center, Milwaukee, WI Designing Natural Yards

March 11, 9:30 a.m.

Lisa Greer, past president of Wisconsin Association of Landscape Architects, currently of Schreiber/

Anerson will be the speaker.

Fee: Free

Contact: Bernice B. Popelka

**Phone:** 414-228-4689

E-mail: ftpbbp@execpc.com

Schlitz Audubon Center, Milwaukee, WI Awakening in the Woods

April 8, 9:30 a.m.

A slide presentation on plants emerging as sprouts in the spring and then their flowering, by Nancy Aten.

Fee: Free

Contact: Bernice B. Popelka

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Schlitz Audubon Center, Milwaukee, WI

**Annual Native Plant Sale** 

May 13, 9:30 a.m.

Fee: Free

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### **WYOMING**

Douglas Ranger District/USDA Forest Service,

Douglas, WY

Wildflower Arranging Workshop

To be announced

Instruction and hands-on demonstrations on how

to arrange hone-grown dried wildflowers.

Fee: Free

Contact: Jane Pennell Phone: 307-358-4690

Website: www.fs.fed.us/mrnf/dgls

Douglas Ranger District/USDA Forest Service,

Douglas, WY

**Growing Native Wildflowers Workshop** 

To be announced

Instruction on planting and maintaining native

Wyoming wildflowers

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Jane Pennell **Phone:** 307-358-4690

Website: www.fs.fed.us/mrnf/dgls

Douglas Ranger District/USDA Forest Service/ Converse Bank lobby, Douglas, WY

**Native Wyoming Wildflower Seeds Give-Away** 

To be announced

During "Celebrating Wildflowers Week" we will have public displays with "how-to" handouts and free wildflower seed packets at designated locations.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Jane Pennell **Phone:** 307-358-4690

Website: www.fs.fed.us/mrnf/dgls

Douglas Ranger District/USDA Forest Service, Douglas, WY

**Celebrating Wildflowers Week (in the local schools)** 

To be announced

Work with local elementary school art classes creating artfoam wildflowers native to Wyoming.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Jane Pennell **Phone:** 307-358-4690

Website: www.fs.fed.us/mrnf/dgls

Douglas Ranger District/USDA Forest Service,

Douglas, WY

**Community Wildflower Planting** 

To be announced

Design community flower beds and planters and fill them with plant native species.

Fee: Free

**Contact:** Jane Pennell **Phone:** 307-358-4690

Website: www.fs.fed.us/mrnf/dgls

Laramie, WY

Ninth Annual Watchable Wildlife Conference

September 12-15

**Phone:** 307-766-5637

Website: outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/wildlife

### **CANADA**

Calgary Zoo, Alberta, Canada

Alberta Native Plant Council Workshop: Recreat-

ing Alberta's Natural Landscapes

April 29, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. with a banquet at 6 p.m. This year's workshop will focus on the process and importance of naturalisation. Presentations will cover a variety of topics and be of interest to the restoration specialist as well as the home owner. The banquet speaker is well known naturalist and

conservationist Brian Keating.

**Fee:** \$40 + \$15 membership before April 1, \$25

banquet

**Sponsors:** Alberta Native Plant Council, Calgary Zoo

**Contact:** Ruth Johnson **Phone:** 403-932-4216 Website: www.anpc.ab.ca

Civic Garden Centre, Toronto, Ontario, Canada **Native Plant Sale** 

May 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

We offer thousands of plants/shrubs/trees native to southern Ontario/Great Lakes Region. Please buy ONLY within your bioregion. Plants are organized by growing conditions to make your selection easier. Native Plant experts available throughout the show. Held at the Civic Garden Centre (777

Lawrence Ave. E.).

**Sponsor:** North American Native Plant Society

E-mail: nativeplantsoc@yahoo.ca

**Phone:** 416-680-6280

Western Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Wildflower Garden Tour

August 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

The North American Native Plant Society (NANPS) is holding a self guided tour of 9 private wildflower gardens in Toronto. This popular tour invites participants into the gorgeous native plant sanctuaries of everal Toronto gardeners who have created lush habitats, attracting birds, butterflies, reptiles and amphibians to their urban oases. Participants will be inspired by the diverse landscapes on show, and gardeners will be available to

answer questions.

Many different garden styles are represented on the tour, from sunny prairie gardens to serene woodlands. All the gardens are low-maintenance, and

offer ingenious solutions to difficult urban situations such as the dry shade of a Norway maple tree or the sandy soil of Toronto's west end. One of the gardens includes a spectacular ditch planting and another offers haven for toads in a mini-wetland. Unusual plants on the tour include a native Ontario cactus and the rare wild lupine. The North American Native Plant Society promotes the study, conservation, cultivation and restoration of North America's native flora. Membership is \$10 per year and members receive a semi-annual newsletter, access to the seed exchange and discounts on garden tours, lectures and workshops.

**Sponsor:** North American Native Plant Society

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